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Blair rejects 'escort and closed doors' offer to read Scott report | Yellow

Michael White and Richard Norton-Taylor

N OUTRAGED Tony Blair last night led a clutch of eminent parliamentarians in rejecting the Government's offer to see the Scott report on the arms-to-Iraq affair in a "controlled environment" which would require MPs and peers to be cut off from outside contact and have an

'escort" outside the door. No mobile phones will be allowed, but the escort — there "for your own convenience and security" — will telephone messages to the dash to the nearby vote outside world if required. Coffee and sandwiches will umes, rapidly digest them

be provided and the door will not be locked, but MPs must sign confidentiality undertakings, they have been told in a letter signed by John Alty, an official at the Department of Trade.
As Whitehall's plans for handling the 1,800-page report hovered between a

military operation and a farce, it was also an-nounced by Tony Newton, leader of the Commons, that the House will be sus-

and stagger back into the chamber to hear Ian Lang, the Trade Secretary, de-liver the Government's £1 million defence to Labour's designated spokesman and chief parliamentary hitman, Robin Cook.

Because only one Labour MP is being allowed prior access, Mr Cook, who was due to handle Labour's media response, has also had to take over the Com-mons statement from Marpended for 10 minutes at 3.30pm today when Sir plained last night: "The Opposition are now being treated like common criminals." It means that MPs can "have a great deal to hide". With Mr Blair declining

Rough guide to Cook's solo tour

☐ Mr Cook will be escorted by an official throughout his visit to read the report "for his own convenience and security".

He will be taken to a room, and the escort will be "just outside the door".

☐ If messages need to be got to Mr Cook while he is reading the report, they should be

passed to a DTI official. ☐ If Mr Cook needs to reply, his escort will telephone the

reply through.

☐ Mr Cook will not be allowed to use a mobile phone. ☐ When Mr Cook has finished the report, his escort will arrange for the report to be taken into secure keeping.

glimpse — under what his chief of staff, Jonathan Powell, called "extraordinary and insulting conditions" in a reply last night — Mr Cook will be joined in his brief 11.45am taxi ride from the Commons to the Jenkins, who declined the from the smaller parties.

They will include the Liberal Democrats' defence spokesman, Menzies Campbell, but not the party's leader in the Lords, Lord Jenkins, who declined the managements about most most of Lords, and the media having access to the report at the same time as access is leader in the Lords, Lord Jenkins, who declined the Muttukumaru, the inqui-

state for many years. Sir Richard again wrote

to Mr Lang to protest about the Government's plan not to allow adequate advance sighting. "You seem to be apprehensive about most MPs, members of the House of Lords, and the media

offer as did his Labour counterpart, Lord Richard. The two former senior ministers have described the isters have described the conditions as amounting to a "padded cell or sealed capsule", and as deeply insulting to privy councillors who have held secrets of the former trade minister, Lord Trefgame. "It is surplicing to find the Governprising to find the Govern ment inviting [the judge] to differentiate between indi-

viduals in this manner." There is one potential source of leaks before publication — the Cabinet. It will be briefed by John Major at 10.30am and then — without signing confidentiality undertakings — ministers will be free to return to their departments.

card for Sun

Andrew Culf

HE Press Complaints Commission fired a warning shot at the Sun yesterday over its coverage of an intercepted telephone call involving the Duke of

Edinburgh.
In a statement being inter preted as the equivalent of a "yellow card", the paper was warned to adhere strictly to the commission's code. Buckingham Palace had ex-

pressed concern about the story, which the Sun called "Dukegate" and ran as a world exclusive on January 30. The newspaper did not run a transcript of the 17-minute conversation, but hinted that it included talk about members of the royal family and other sensitive issues. The next day it said the duke had referred to the Prince of Wales's marital rift as a soap

Clause five of the code states: "Unless justified by public interest, journalists should not obtain or publish material obtained by using clandestine listening devices or by intercepting private telephone conversations."

The commission said: "The newspaper coverage concentrated on the circumstances in which the calls were intercepted and recorded. Never-theless, allusion was made to the content, although no full transcript of the conversa-

tions has been published." Lord Wakeham, the commission's chairman, exervening even though no

investigation or adjudication had taken place. The commission decided to 'draw the attention of the Sun, the newspaper principally involved ... and the Daily Mirror [which followed the story up] to the concerns expressed and to ask them to review their procedures in

respect of such situations". Stuart Higgins, the Sun's editor, said: "We believe we acted responsibly in not disclosing detailed contents of the conversation." The story highlighted the risks of using insecure mobile phones.

Ulster fear as troops

David Sharrock and Owen Bowcott

HE Government will today restore troop numbers in Northern Ireland to almost preceasefire levels amid heightened fears of a return to violence in the province following the IRA's mbing of the Isle of Dogs in London's East End.

Five hundred soldiers from the Royal Irish Regiment will fly into Belfast for deployment in South Armagh, bring-ing the number of soliders in Northern Ireland back to nearly 17,000.

Three units involving 1,600 men were removed following the IRA's ceasiire announcement in August, 1994. The RIR battalion will leave

its base at Catterick, in North Yorkshire, and be redeployed in border country where crossing points into the Irish Republic have been progressively reopened during the last 18 months. The Ministry of Defence last night insisted the move was merely "a pre-cautionary measure".

But news of the arrival of an extra battalion sent a shiver through nationalist and unionist politicians. Joe Hendron, the Social Demo-cratic and Labour Party MP for West Belfast, said he understood why the troops were returning but was worthing the troops were returning but was worthing the troops were returning but the consequences. ried about the consequences. What I don't want to see is

"What I don't want to see is soldiers patrolling the Falls and Shankill Roads," he said. "It would be counter-produc-tive and there would be inevitable confrontations between young people and soldiers." John Taylor, Ulster Unionist MP for Strangford, said: The Government are correct in taking precautions, but I am disappointed that after a steady reduction in the

troops' presence the trend is Labour's Northern Ireland spokesperson, Mo Mowlam, who was in Dublin for talks with the Irish prime minister, John Bruton, his deputy, Dick Spring, and opposition leaders, said she hoped the mea-sures were "of a temporary and precautionary nature".

contacts with Sinn Fein are to be resumed tomorrow, only at civil servant rather than ministerial level — a sign of Dub-lin's uncertainty about the intentions of the republican

According to a British Army spokesman, there will be "no large-scale increase in military patrols" on streets or country roads. The RUC's chief constable, Sir Hugh Annesley, and the army's general officer commanding. Lt General Sir Roger Wheeler, have put police and troops on full alert, but there has been no dramatic increase in the level of security on the

streets The Democratic Unionist Party's justice spokesman, Ian Paisley Jr, did welcome the move. "I hope the British government isn't going to be gullible this time and pull the troops in and out for cosmetic reasons," he said.

Fears of a second IRA bomb or an assassination attempt or an assassination attempt in mainland Britain yester-day prompted police forces and the intelligence services to announce a review of anti-terrorism precautions.

The Association of Chief Police Officers confirmed that

various chief constables would be meeting in the coming days to check that "every possible measure is being taken to en-sure public safety". The announcement fol-lowed claims that two live

rounds had been found near the home of the former prime The Metropolitan Police would only say "security searches had been made at various locations" in London. Video film from close cir-cuit cameras near the scene of the IRA bomb at South Quay on the Isle of Dogs is being examined by antiterrorist officers in the hope of spotting familiar republi-can faces. The men who parked the vehicle are be-lieved to be visible, but it is

clear enough to identify. An inquest into the two vic-tims of the bomb heard yesterday that both had been identified by their finger-prints after being killed instantly.

uncertain whether they are

At the same time, the Irish government announced that Adams, G2 front



Polls apart . . . Deixdre McAliskey, daughter of the former MP Bernadette, and Jonathon Taylor, son of John, deputy leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, are two of the candidates in the forthcoming election for president of Queen's University Students Union in Belfast Details, page 5

Revival boosts Tory poll hopes

Unemployment at 5-year low as | offers the Chancellor every | findings today of the Scott Bank concedes on interest rates

Larry Elliott, Richard Thomas and Sarah Ryle

OVERNMENT hopes that a pick-up in the economy will wipe out Labour's poll lead over the next 12 months were given a twin boost yesterday when unemployment figures fell to a five-year low and the Bank of England effectively gave the green light for further interest rate cuts. Kenneth Clarke, the Chan-

cellor, underlined ministerial

determination to keep the pace of growth robust in the run-up to polling day when he said that, despite the 29th monthly fall in joblessness, dole queues were still too

long.
City analysis were confident the Bank's admission of defeat in its nine-month battle with the Chancellor over interest rates shortened the odds on a cut in the cost of borrowing next month. Simon Briscoe, an economist at brokers Nikko fectly timed to soothe Conser-Europe, said: "The report vative nerves over the

opportunity to cut rates. It's the closest the Bank of England comes to a U-turn."

In its quarterly Inflation Report, the Bank confessed it had been wrong to forecast that inflation would breach the Government's 2.5 per cent target for the end of this Par-liament, noting: "It is now clear that the pace of economic growth since the end of 1994 has been slower than first thought."

While Mr Clarke was stressing that the Govern-ment would not relent in the fight against inflation, yesterday's economic news was per-

inquiry.
The Chancellor seized on the Bank's report, dropping a clear hint that interest rates will come down again to coincide with the start of the spring house-buying season and the local elections in

May.
"It's obvious that the Bank are now anticipating we are going to get to the 2.5 per cent forecast and I am setting pol-icy in order to get down to 2.5 per cent, to keep it there, keep on course this sustained growth and low inflation," he Turn to page 2 column 3

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Three millimetre protester threatens Newbury bypass

Austin ME IN NEWBURY. John Vidal

HE road builders of New bury, who have employed security guards, bailiffs and obscure legislation in their hattle against protesters, appear to have finally met their match in a three millimetre eco-warrior.

A scientist working for the Government's nature advi-sers English Nature has found the British stronghold of one of Europe's rarest, smallest and most vulnerable snails on a nature reserve which will be largely destroyed by the bypass.

Vertigo moulinsiana — aka

declare the area a European
Special Area of Conservation. "Desmoulin's Whorl Snail" — It is believed the unpub-

is on the Environment Secre-tary's list of 116 species requiring most protection. Last night, conservationists called for the area to be designated a European nature reserve and said that the dis-covery threatened to halt the

£100 million bypass.

The snail is listed in the British red data book of endangered species and in Annex 2 of the European Commission directive on abitats and species, which requires the British government to ensure V moulinsiana's "favourable conservation status" and possibly to declare the area a European

by English Nature from an independent expert last No-vember, found the snail on 19 sites in the flood plain of the rivers Kennet and Lambourn

which the bypass must cross.
English Nature yesterday
denied the snail had been
found on the bypass route but admitted the expert had not looked there. "We are excited about the discovery, but we don't feel the bypass will have any direct affect on the important populations of the snail," said Graham Steven, a conservation officer.

"If the snail were found actually on the route, we would consider littigation against the Highways Agency," he said.

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MI5 and the view from the bull bar



Simon Hoggart

HE Home Office minister David Maclean denounced last Friday's IRA bomb. It was, he said, 'cowardly and outrageous' Well, yes and no. Outrageous, certainly. Loathsome, disgusting, vicious, psycho-pathic too. One might add

stupid and pointless. But not cowardly. I've said it before, but it's worth repeat ing now and again — there are very few cowards in the IRA. The risk of death and injury often inflicted by your own side — is rather higher than it is for, say, schoolteachers, MPs or even coal miners. You also stand a good chance of being banged up for a long

I'm not blaming Mr Mac-lean. This "cowardly and out-rageous" phrase is a formula ministers feel obliged to repeat. But it is not just semantics either. People who join the IRA believe that they are engaged in a mighty moral crusade; from their point of view, the only crusade worth

They think of themselves as heroes. When they die, which happens frequently, they are treated as heroes, welcomed, under a tricolour, back to the bosom of Mother Ireland. There are military funerals, columns of admiring death no-

tices, and fulsome epitaphs. You and I probably find this east of mind stupid, odious and perverse. But they don't, and as long as we fall to com-prehend their culture and their emotions, we will find it very difficult to defeat them. Sorry about that. I will now return to trivial and mean-

spirited criticism. The House was discussing the Security Service Bill, a controversial measure which allows MI5 to take over some police work. The theory is that, with the Cold War over they are at a loose end. One might think they would be bet-

ous Fraud Office, but where's the glamour in that? Instead they are to look into organised

Alan Beith, the Liberal spokesman, pointed out that in spite of all the argument, no more than 15 people. This was exactly the number of

MPs who were present in the chamber for the debate. Mr Beith has a faintly MI5 air himself. Thanks to John Le Carré, we know that modern intelligence agents are not James Bond types, drinking Dom Pérignon in bed with beautiful girls.

Instead, they are rumpled figures in ill-fitting suits, who spend their time drinking tea with elderly secretaries. They have a wary admira-

tion for their nominal enemie in Moscow Central, and reserve their hatred and con-spiratorial skills for plotting against their own colleagues in this respect they closely resemble the Labour Party. Alun Michael, Labour's spokesman, paid tribute to the

Government's help. He warmly praised ministers' adaptability and open mindedness. Over in Conservative Central no doubt some grizzled apparatchik in a suit even worse than Mr Michael's chuckled in appreciation.

Mr Beith thought that the bill should be slowed down. This would send a signal to the IRA that the fight against terrorism would go on. Mr Maclean thought that if the bill were delayed, this would send a signal to the IRA that it could set the agenda for the

Even Railtrack can get its signals sorted out better than the Commons.

Earlier. Paul Flynn (Lab. Newport W) got an unopposed first reading for a bill to ban "bull bars" from car radiators He said they had probably killed around 70 people, by concentrating the shock of the impact, "like ladies piroueting in stiletto heels are the equivalent of an elephant".

Suspicions that this was yet another reference to the cover of Edwina Currie's novel (A Woman's Place, Hodder, £16.99) gave way to a realisa-tion that this was another coded attack over the Scott report. When Mr Flynn started talking about the need for a "crumple zone", we realised it almost certainly was.

First night

A triumphant but terrible return

Denis Staunton

Schaubühne, Berlin

RARE, almost forgotten sense of excitement has gripped the Berlin theatre with the triumphant return of Edith Clever to the stage of the Schaubühne after 12 years. For 15 years Clever was the leading tragic actress in Peter Stein's remarkable company, dazzling audiences with her unpredictable but technically perfect interpreta-tions of the great female roles

in Greek tragedy. She has had an eccentric career since leaving the Schaubuhne in 1984, touring Germany with strange, onewoman shows and directing groups of drama school stuinvitation of the Schau-Andrea Breth, as both star and director of Euripides's Medea

and Berlin is again at her feet. Before we see Clever's Medea, we hear her scream. It is a terrible sound, held for so long and striking a note so far beyond the usual register of pain that it seems to be neithe animal nor human, physical

nor emotional, but psychic. When she appears, she is face smeared with white paint and framed by long auburn ringlets. Her voice is low and controlled, her gestures small and precise and yet she is ter-rifying, a woman who has channelled her limitless grief into a murderous design against the man who has

betrayed her. Clever's production is an all-female affair, from the

director to the designer, Susanne Raschig, and the composer, Robin Schulmagnificent percussion soundtrack as well as compos ing songs for the five-strong chorus of Corinthian women But there is no attempt to present Medea simply as a vic tim of the patriarchal society in which she lives. Peter Simonischek's Jason, a warrior gone to seed with a paunch straining against his leather armour, is not so much selfish or wicked as naive and

unimaginative. Clever's Medea is gripped by an almost mystical urge for vengeance which leads her to ignore the advice of the chorus, of the nurse, played with great tenderness and sub tlety by Elisabeth Orth, and of her own judgment. In an two children to be represented by tiny white statues, enabling the audience to move beyond simple horror at engage more directly with the psychological complexity behind it. Medea's infanticide and to

As Medea ascends into the heavens in an electrical sun chariot powered by a giant propellor, the play ends as it pain, this time from a devas-tated Jason. The audience is left reeling, neither condemn ing Medea nor sympathising with her, but awestruck by a destructive force that no

human can control. Clever's Medea is part of a season of Greek plays at the Schaubühne. After more than five years of gloom and disorientation, one of Europe's great theatres is at last on the brink of a glorious rebirth.

Singapore link for Iran arms was known to MoD, MPs told

David Pallister

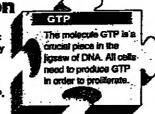
AMINISTRY of Defence official yesterday admitted to MPs investigating the illegal diversion of British arms to Iran that Singapore was a known conduit for transferring weapons to the Tehran regime in the 1980s.

retariat, said publicity had alerted MoD officials to the fact that the Swedish firm,

Bofors, had diverted weapons via its Singapore subsidiary. But he said that only individuals and companies were responsible, making it difficult to decide which countries might be acting as an illegal conduit. "The Singapore gov-Ian McDonald, head of the ernment was found not to be

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es can only build GTP rom new. If this path is blocked by Mycophenolate Mofetil, the cells cannot replicate fast enough to



New drug 'to cut organ transplant rejections'

halve the rejection rate in transplanted described as the most exciting development in transplant medicine for a decade — but sparked fears of new cost buriens on the NHS.

Doctors said the drug, which will cost about £3,000 a year for each patient, could help stop rejection within the first few weeks of a transplant, the cause of one in 10

It is also hoped the drug will prevent longer term rejection, or at least slow the rate at which it occurs. About half of kidney transplants fail within 10 years due to rejec-Neil Parrott, consultant

transplant surgeon at Man-chester Royal Infirmary, said: "I think it is the most exciting development in transplanta-tion in the last decade. It marks the beginning of a potentially new era in

Specialists said although he drug would increase initial transplant costs, it could lead to significant savings over the longer term, as well as saving lives, by preventing kidney patients needing

into the drug have involved kidneys, researchers said it should also prevent rejection of other organs such as the heart, lungs and liver.

The drug has the chemical name mycophenolate mofetil, but will be sold by the manu-facturers. Roche, under the trade name CellCept. It is

licence within the next few days but has been available in the United States since July last year, where half of all new transplant patients now receive it.

The drug has a different way of working to existing anti-rejection drugs, dampen-ing down the defence cells which attack transplanted organs as foreign. It is expected it will be given alongside existing drugs, such as cyclosporin, rather than replacing them. Mr Parrott told a press con-

ference in London, organised by Roche, that studies involv-ing 1,500 kidney transplant patients in the US, Europe, Canada and Australia had shown that within the first year the frequency of rejection problems had halved. Rates had fallen from between 40 to 50 per cent for patients on existing drugs to 15 to 20 per cent in patients taking CellCept. The need for additional anti-rejection treatment was cut from 44 per

cent to 24 per cent. Mr Parrott said patients who suffered initial rejection problems were also those who were most likely to suffer longer-term problems. "This drug has the promise to reduce chronic rejection."

Mr Parrott said that even if the drug doubled the annual

second or third transplants, costs of immuno-suppressant those kidneys would have had one transplant fail, or a return to expensive therapy to around \$6,000 a failed, requiring second or because defence cells produlallysis.

Although most of studies matic saving compared with if the success rate at 10 years make it harder for subseseeing kidneys fail and could be improved to 75 per patients return to dialysis, cant through the use of Cellwhich could cost betwen Cept, this would mean annual £15,000 and £20,000 a year. savings of between £8 million With other transplant and £10 million to the NHS. organs, failure was likely to

mean death.

Christopher Rudge, consultant transplant surgeon at the Royal London Hospital, said their kidneys year by year.

that 1,600 patients a year in | Chronic rejection is becoming Britain received kidney one of the most important transplants, with 5,000 curissues in transplantation," he

The need for further transplant operations such as this or a return to dialysis could be cut substantially if the experts' hopes are borne out

rently on the waiting list. Within 10 years under exist-ing treatments, around 800 of There are additional prob-ems for patients who have

"We are not just talking every two to three years as the organs fail.

because defence cells pro-duced against the first organ make it harder for subsequent organs to be accepted. Some kidney patients can happily live with their donated organ for 20 years or more, while others have to undergo renewed transplants

Mr Rudge said the costs of the new drug would have to | 143 for livers.

be justified to the NHS, but he believed there was a clear case for its use. If it did reduce organ loss over time, there would also be a clear

whether a bigger initial out-lay will produce long-term savings. I personally think savings will come from it. At the moment, emergency anti-

At the end of January this year, 5,101 people in Britain were waiting for kidneys, 321 for hearts, 224 for lungs and

FOUR OSCAR NOMINATIONS

Double blow for nuclear sell-off

Simen Beavis and Chris Barrie

OVERNMENT plans to privatise nuclear power were dealt a double blow last night when it emerged that the European Commission is investigating whether illegal state aid has been paid in the FLS billion sale and safety inspectors attacked the industry over the handling of atomic waste. Karel van Miert, European competition commissioner,

has written to the Department of Trade and Industry demanding assurances that state aid will not be used to smooth privatisation and boost the Government's pro-ceeds from the sale. In letters sent last month.

the EC's competition director-ate calls for the DTI to answer a series of searching ques-tions on possible misuses of state aid to sweeten the solloff, planned for this summer.

Allegations that the Gov-

ernment could be forced to use state funding to prepare the industry for sale were first drawn to the Commis-sion's attention by Friends of the Earth, Cola, a group of local authorities opposed to nuclear power, and the Science Policy Research Unit

at Sussex University.
They allege that Nuclear
Electric has accelerated payments on its huge nuclear clean-up bills ahead of privatisation to ensure stations will pass into private hands with their liabilities cut by taxpayer will be left "demonstrably worse off", they claim.
FoE and Cola also suggest

that the Government could try to off-load more than £3 billion of the clean up bill for the stations being privatised. Such a move would please investors and boost receipts from the sell-off.

The DTI confirmed last

night that it was in discussion with the Commission, but insisted there would be no use of state aid in the sale. An official said ministers were determined to transfer all relevant clean up costs to the private sector.

In addition, safety inspe tors warned British Nuclear Fuels that storage at Selladeld and Drigg in Cumbria were "less than satisfactory". In an extensive audit, the pollution and nuclear installations inspectorates warned BNFL that discrepancies had also been found in the records

of radioactive waste. Although BNFL is not being the industry sale have raised fears that waste disposal pro-

posals are inadequate. Sellafield is the store for ate level waste.

10 days treatment."

A spokesman for the inspectorate said last night that the waste, if not stored correctly, could produce hazardous radiation levels. But the problems at Sellafield were not considered serious enough to pose an immediate risk.

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Treasury's unhealthy debt

Civil servant's sickness blamed | a private dinner that he deliberately delayed paying credifor worst late payments record

NE sick civil servant was responsible for the Treasury having Whitehall's worst record of Was responsible for the Said at oral questions on 11 Treasury having Whitehall's worst record of paying bills on time, says Angela Knight, economics secretary to the Treasury.

Her claim follows the disclosure to Barbara Roche, I shour's small firms swikes.

Was responsible for the Said at oral questions on 11 January, we are now making just under 90 per cent of payments within the time case since last August."

Mrs Roche described the Treasury's explanation as Labour's small firms spokes-woman, that 25 per cent of

duties, the promptness of payment suffered . . . the member of staff made a full recovery retary [William Waldegrave] said at oral questions on 11

Mrs Roche described the Treasury's explanation as "bizarre". She said: "The vast majority of firms in this woman, that 25 per cent of Treasury bills were not paid on time. The second worst record was at the Department of Trade and Industry where 16 per cent of bills were paid late when Michael Heseltine was Trade Secretary.

In a letter to Mrs Roche, Angela Knight says: "I am sorry to say that a member of staff fell sick in 1994-95 and, although others took on his imajority of firms in this country employ less than 10 people. They will be amazed that payments by the Treasury — which employs 1,140 people — completely fall apart when one person falls ill."

The disclosure is the latest twist in the row between Labour and the Government which started over the Deputy Prime Minister Mr Heseltine's injudicious remarks at

This spread to Whitehall's record when Ian Lang, the Trade and Industry Secretary, disclosed that late payment at the DTI nearly doubled when Mr Heseltine was in charge from 1992-95. Civil servants blamed the increase on improved sampling techniques to detect unpaid bills.

Mrs Knight defended the system of checking late pay-ments, including a complex explanation of sampling arrangements by the Treasury.

Mrs Roche described this as "gobbledegook". She added:
"I now understand why small firms complain about the lack of clarity in information received by government departments."
Sir John Bourn, the Comp-troller and Auditor General,

is to ask his auditors to exam-ine Whitehall's record on bill

Economic revival boosts Tory poll hopes

present level of unemployment — plenty more people listening to us would like to have a more secure job and would like to see more jobs still being created."

Consumer spending has shown signs of picking up since mortgage rates started to fall last autumn, and the Government believes this trend will be re-inforced by tax cuts, windfalls from building society mergers, the pro-

continued from page 1 the seasonally adjusted number of people out of work and interview.

"I am not content with the cumulative fall since December 1 the seasonally adjusted number of people out of work and claiming benefit brought the cumulative fall since December 1 that it is a little more likely ber 1992 to 772,700. The new total of 2,205,800 was the lowest since April 1991, while the rate dropped from 8 per cent to 7.9 per cent.

Despite the steady fall in the jobless figures, workers have struggled to secure big-ger pay packets. Central Sta-tistical Office figures showed that average earnings grew by 3.25 per cent in the year to December, unchanged for the past six months.

The fear of stronger de-

However, its report yesterday concluded: "Our judgment is that it is a little more likely than not that inflation will be somewhat below 2.5 per cent in two years' time."

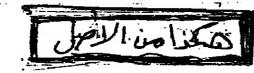
Labour said the fall in the jobless total obscured the

growth of insecurity in the workplace. Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, said: "We are seeing the conse-quences of economic weakness, not strength. The Bank is far from optimistic on the prospects for growth and in-flation — and the report shows why. Economic growth ceeds from maturing Tessa. The fear of stronger desavings accounts, and the steady fall in unemployment.

January's 29,300 decline in one of the Bank's central continuous.

The fear of stronger deshows why. Economic growth and exports have been weaker than expected over the past year."







Piglets in Yorkshire which have so far escaped the clutches of rustlers

Pig rustlers start to bring home the bacon



Mark Fothergill, pig unit manager at Retford, which lost 262 piglets to rustlers PHOTOGRAPH: DAVE SNOWDON PHOTOGRAPH: DAVE SNOWDON

riogue tarmers suspected as 500 piglets disappear in night raids, writes David Ward has risen as suspicion of

premium

to market; this little piggy stayed at home and this little piggy was rustled, loaded into a truck at dead of night and sold off to ease Europe's

More than 500 piglets worth an estimated £25,000 have been stolen this week in night raids on farms in Nottinghamshire, York-

shire and Humberside. In the most recent illicit round-up, thieves took 262 animals worth up to £50 a near Retford, in Notting-hamshire, used by Richard Longthorpe, who also has a farm in Howden, North Yorkshire. He described the theft as despicable.

It must have taken four or five men using a four-wheel drive vehicle and trailer to remove my pig-lets," he said. "A one-ton bale of hay had to be moved to make a gap in the fence

Harry Albright, spokes-man for the National Farmand it would have taken the gang over an hour to carry out their dirty work." He blamed a rogue farmer desers Union, said that farmers were moving their pigs into open fields ahead of perate to make a killing legislation, which from

1998 will outlaw the use of

individual pens for sows. "Rather than convert

Sheep and goats have a

tagging system of identifi-cation to foll rustlers, but young pigs are considered

branded. Video cameras and bright lights are con-

sidered an impractical

John Sleightholme, of Wold Newton, Humberside, lost 163 four-week-old pig-lets in a raid in which rus-tlers cut gate padlocks and drove up to pens in a lorry. He also suspects a

while prices are at a

crooked farmer. "Whoever took them must have some knowledge of pig keeping otherwise the animals would die," he said. "They knew what they were after because they chose the youngest, quietest and least troublesome."

The price of pigs was in the trough 18 months ago but has since soured, partly because Japanese diners have acquired a taste for pork. Most of Denmark's production now goes to the Far East and other farmers

Historic hogs

☐ The earliest record of pigs is from a Chinese scholar who estimated that his people started domesticating swine around 2900 BC

☐ The pig was held sacred by ancient Cretans because Zeus had been suckled by a sow buildings, it's more eco-nomical to keep pigs out-doors," he said. "But then the animals become more vulnerable to theft."

☐ A Large White, owned by H.S. Pedlingham, farrowed 385 piglets in 22 litters from 1923-34

☐ The world's largest pig is thought to have been a Poland China hog, named Big Bill, which weighed 1,157.5kg down after breaking a leg in transit to the China World Fair in 1933. Big Bill stood 5ft

Serbs sever links with **Nato force**

Julian Borger in Zagreb

ATO'S peacekeeping mission in Bosnia was in deepening trouble yesterday after a civilian bus came under fire in a Serb suburb of Sarajevo, and Serb forces broke off their remaining con-tacts with Nato troops after the extradition of two of their officers to the war crimes tribunal in The Hague.

The United Nations-sponsored tribunal stressed its impartiality and announced it

would soon issue its first in-dictments against Bosnian

dictments against Bosnian Muslims. But it was unclear yesterday whether this would succeed in calming tensions.

Three people were wounded when a bus heading into Sarajevo was hit by at least four bullets as it passed through the Serb-held suburb of flidza, witnesses and Bosnian officials said. It was the first day buses had operated along the route since the war began, and the attack may have been to disrupt reintegration of the to disrupt reintegration of the city. Serb residents of Sarajevo

are resentful of the transfer of Ilidza to government control. stoked by the extradition of two Serb officers, General Djordje Djukic and Colonel Aleksa Krsmanovic, from Sa-rajevo on Monday night

The Bosnian Serb leader, Radovan Karadzic — who is wanted by The Hague tribunal on charges of war crimes and genocide — yesterday denounced the extradition as an "international discrete".

"international disgrace".
The Bosnian Serb army broke off high-level contacts with the Nato-led peace Implementation Force (I-FOR) after the two officers were arrested by the Bosnian police in late January. But since they were whisked off to The Hague under Nato guard, the Serb boycott has spread. A Nato spokesman in Sara-

evo, Colonel John Kirkwood, said fewer Serb officers were turning up to meetings with their I-FOR counterparts. "We have evidence that Bos-nian Serb liaison officers are packing their bags and departing from some locations. n other places they seem to be standing-by, awaiting fur-ther orders," he said. Meanwhile, Nato liaison of-

a mom we Bosnian Serb headquarters in nic group to which they Pale, apparently for lack of belong". anyone to hold talks with.

hoped the breakdown in con-tacts was temporary. They said many Serb officers had expressed regret at the

Nato is clearly struggling to reconcile its peacekeeping duties with its obligation under the Dayton peace

agreement to hand over to The Hague any war crime suspects it finds.

On its arrival in December, it initially ignored the war crimes issue. But after reports that Mr Karadzic had driven a cavalcade past Nato checkpoints unbindered at checkpoints unhindered at the weekend, the United States defence secretary, Wil-liam Perry, announced that more information would be distributed to I-FOR troops. Yesterday senators expressed outrage at the checkpoint

Nato officials in Brussels said yesterday that the alliance's 16 ambassadors had ordered I-FOR commanders to make its 60,000 troops fully aware of their duty to "appre-

Nato is struggling to reconcile

peacekeeping with a duty to hand over war crime suspects

hend known war criminals where possible". Nato is also considering setting up its own road blocks.

But ambiguity still sur-rounds Nato's role. It insists its troops will not take part in a manhunt, nor run "undue

risk" to arrest suspects. Part of the problem, Nato officers say, is that 45 out of The Hague are Serbs, and the remainder are Croats. The pursuit of war criminals risks

tainting I-FOR's impartiality in Serb eyes. Yesterday, apparently in res-ponse to US pressure, the chief prosecutor at The Hague, Richard Goldstone, announced he would issue the first indict-ments against suspected Bosnian Muslim war criminals

"in the coming weeks".

In a public statement, Justice Goldstone said he would investigate and prosecute sus-pected war criminals "irre-

Nato officers said they | Hugo Young, page 9

Keating softens line on republic

Christopher Zinn in Sydney

HE beleaguered Australian prime minister, Paul Keating, played an electoral trump card yesterday in proposing a more politically acceptable model for replacing the British monarch with Australia's own head of state.

Mr Keating, launching the Labour Party's re-election campaign, revealed a revised republican plan to stage a non-binding plebiscite within Labour's first year of office.
The move, which was

praised by the republican Games in September 2000.

Howard, claimed the plan said Mr Keating must guaranmovement but attacked by Mr Keating said that after could backfire. He warned of the people a voice in the opposition, is a calculated the plebiscite be wants a joint the "ridiculous situation" of choosing a head of state.

"If re-elected, we will ask the Australian people what they think about the question: 'Do you want an Australian to be Australia's head of state?" he said in Melbourne.

The prime minister, who is behind in opinion polls in the run-up to elections on March 2, reaffirmed his target date of 2000 for replacing the monarch and her Canberra representa-tive, the governor general. This would mean an Aus-tralian head of state could

open the Sydney Olympic Games in September 2000.

backdown from Mr Keating's parliamentary committee to previous commitment to an draw up the options for a refinmediate referendum. This would have to be passed hy a majority of voters in a majority of states.

Mr Keating's plan would still see the head of state elected by a two-thirds major-ity of the federal parliament. despite opinion polls showing most Australians want a di-rectly elected president. But Labour officials said

the proposal should overcome widespread objections to Mr Keating's personal involve-ment in the process. The opposition leader. John Howard, claimed the plan

lic voting Yes in a plebiscite because they believed the governor-general was already an Australian head of state.

"We would be in [a] constitutional limbo, with no way of breaking out of it because what he proposes is an utterly illogical way," he said. But the Australian Republi-

can Movement was glowing in its praise. Its chairman, Malcolm Turnbull, said the plan was democratic, open The Democrats, who hold

the halance of power in the senate, welcomed the plan but said Mr Keating must guaran-

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Poetry Society caught in the tangled Web of on-line libel

John Ezerd

THE Poetry Society — founded in 1909 to further one of the world's oldest forms of communication has become the target of the first libel action over material on the newest medium, the Worldwide Web.

The society said last night that it would vigorously defend itself against a High Court writ from a small Peterborough publisher demanding aggravated damages.
The dispute is about one of

the most ancient themes of poetry, vanity. The firm, Forward Press, has launched the action over an article in the honest and exploitative ser-

Poetry News, headed Vanity Presses and Dodgy ompetitions.

The article was republished in the society's Poetry News Stand on the Web. The writ says it was "capable of being read by an unquantified but vest number of subscribers, potentially numbering millions of people around the

Forward Press claims that, in effect, the article accused it of being in the lucrative business of "preying on poets who cannot otherwise get their poems published".

It is said to allege the firm

vice which "cruelly deceived" aspiring poets by swindling them out of large sums of money in return for publishing their work in anthologies of poor quality and little liter-ary merit. The article alleg-edly suggested schoolchildren were targeted in a "perni-

cious scam". The writ maintains Forward Press is recognised as an influential, authoritative publisher which "is not and never has been in the business of vanity publishing. It asks for a court injunction against further republication of the article.

Chris Meade, Poetry Society director, said they had a £147,000 yearly Arts Council

ure from sales, but had no cash reserves.
"We have been going from strength to strength recently. But that does not mean we are incredibly strong."

Ian Walton, Forward Press chairman and a Poetry Society member, said: "This business started six years ago on a kitchen table. We now employ 50 people and have published 75,000 poets but we are not "Last year we made a very,"

to clear our name.' The Web is the popular, multi-media section of the

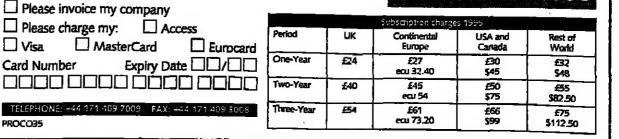
very small profit. We are vigorously pursuing the action



The long marriage of Church and state has produced a situation where the Church itself is now the adulterer, promiscuous in its interests. Why can't it just stay at home and look after the family and only come out in its Sunday best? Why can't it just read the Bible instead of the newspapers? Suzanne Moore

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Guildhall closure risk as wide savings demanded

Budget threat to university's future

ONDON'S Guildhall university may be stripped of its govern-ment grant from April unless its 1,000 staff accept an emergency package of cuts, including reduced teaching resources for the students, the Higher Education Fund-

ing Council said last night. Roderick Floud, the provost, has prepared a five-year rescue plan to prevent his institution becoming the first university to founder under higher education cuts imposed by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor.

Proposed annual savings of more than £2 million are understood to include less staff contact with students. abolition of the faculty structure and removal of top man-agement posts. The package will be discussed with lecturers and other staff in the next few days, before the govern-ing body takes a decision on March 22.

A funding council spokes-man said it would "need to be man said it would "need to be reassured the university is taking appropriate action to safeguard the continued investment of public funds and was presented to the funding work", Mr Lafferty said.

■HE Government is to

claw back £12.8 million from the Office for Stan-

dards in Education (Ofsted)

after it failed to attract

enough bids from privatised

teams of inspectors to com-

plete the planned programme of primary school visits. Labour claimed yesterday.

According to information extracted by Stephen Byers, the Labour education spokes-

man, the cash limit for the

current financial year is

being cut by 13 per cent to £85.2 million and the money

returned to the Treasury

John Carvel

the continued delivery of teaching and research ... The continued provision of grant "He stated that the funding elies on that.

Guildhall university, for-merly the City of London polytechnic, occuples nine sites in and around the City, and recently awarded an hon-orary doctorate to Eddie

The management consul-tants Coopers and Lybrand warned in November that it was heading for a £300,000 deficit by the end of the financial year. Professor Floud said this rose to £1 million after the discovery of a bill for building maintenance.

The consultants said Guildhall should aim for an annual surplus of £2 million by 1998/ 99 (about 5 per cent of in-come) to invest in new developments and augment reserves. That became harder to achieve after budget cuts af-fecting all universities which have led to a threat by vicechancellors to impose a £300 registration fee on students. According to a paper circulated among lecturers by the National Association of

Ofsted faces cash cuts

middle years of primary school, contributing to inade-

quate progress in maths and English which was reflected

in disappointing marks in

Gillian Shephard, the Edu-

cation Secretary, said inspec-tion by external teams orga-nised by Ofsted could identify failing schools and provide a

stimulus to others to improve

The Government wanted Ofsted to inspect the 20,000 primary schools in England

over a four-year cycle starting in September 1994, Approved

inspection teams were invited

ests at 11.

Approved inspection teams fall short of primary schools target

returned to the Treasury to tender against each other without any prospect of a carry-over. to keep costs down through competition. Ofsted found,

Chris Woodhead, the chief however, that registered in-

inspector, reported earlier spectors did not muster teams this month on a "worryingly in sufficient numbers to take

close the university by withdrawing funding unless its recovery plan (which must now be a five-year plan) meets with their approval."

The cuts "would now appear

to threaten academic staff with redundancy," it said.

But Alan Lafferty, the But Alan Lafferty, the branch chairman, was more optimistic about the management's plan, saying: "I am convinced we have the basis of a recovery plan which will allow us to come out leaner and healthier so we don't have recurring crises and do have money for investment." have money for investment. I believe we can do that without

lsory redundancies Staff appeared anxious not to create a panic among students by suggesting the university is unviable. Guildhall looked particularly fragile because it happened to be the first to draw up a recovery plan since the Chancellor's latest round of cuts.

"I suspect many other uni-versities will need recovery

"At the present rate of inspec-tion some primary schools will not have their first in-

spection until after the mil-lenium", Mr Byers said.

faced with the stark choice of clawing money back from Ofsted to provide savings for

the Treasury, or using the resources to get back on course with the four-year

programme.
This latest revelation

shows just how far behind the programme is. Ministers wanted to hide the truth, but

now they must accept the real

difficulty they have in im-

proving standards in primary schools," he said.

A spokeswoman for Ofsted

acknowledged: "The primary and special school market has

not gone as quickly as we had

hoped." But the budget for the next financial year would be

maintained at the substan

tially higher level of £117.8

million, allowing an increase in the volume of inspections

The Synod debates the call for a flat rate of pay for all priests

Synod turns down cut in 'fat cat' pay

HE Church of England General Synod yester-day defeated a motion to scrap pay differen-tials between bishops and vic-Bishop of Chester, who said his stipend had not stopped him from plunging into debt. Members of the Anglican

governing assembly called for pay cuts for the Church's "fat cats" in a debate in London Cumberland. They said all or-dained priests should be paid

But the Rt Rev Michael Baughen, Rishop of Chester, defended "over-worked" bishops against press attacks al-leging lavish lifestyles and big houses. "It is hurtful to read headlines about getting bishops out of their houses when we live in a little room above the formal rooms, with little home life. We look at

many vicarages with envy.
"We spend hours doing the washing up and lugging the shopping back from Tesco's every week, on top of spend-ing 100 hours doing Christ's

He described the hardship of surviving on the £24,950 a year paid to the 44 diocesan bishops. "The first shock of managing a big house was the gas bill — £1,000 for a quarter and we were plunged into debt. Furnishing the place drained every penny. It is draining financially, catering for other people."

The average stipend of in-cumbent priests is £13,450. The Archbishops of Canterbury and York get 247,750 and

say to the nation when the Church preserves the div-isions which belong to the secular world?" He quated from the Bible: "Whoever be first among you, must be slave to all."

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Alison Alp of London dio-cese said: "The challenge of the Gospel is that we have in the world but are not of the world. We must put our money where our mouth is. I would like to see our bishops taking the lead in being servants of servants."
Only one bishop, the Rt Rev

Bishop of Dudley, spoke in favour of the motion, urging the Church not to conform to the ways of the world.

"It is our unity which needs stressing and our common shared understanding of what it is to be ordained to the service of God. The present system of differentials militates against this."

Ordinary clergy described their own struggle to pay bills. A flat pay scale would boost clergy morale, the Synod was told. Bishops could get an allowance for entertaining

The Rev Hugh Broad of Gloucester diocese said some clerics were forced into moonfather of four, I'm eligible for family credit, and it is gal-ling after 30 years of service in the Church to have to depend on state handouts.

"I could do what many clergy do on the gulet. As a qualified teacher I could give English lessons to GCSE stu-dents for £25 an hour." He said pay differentials

need, not reflect a hierarchi cal structure.

The motion was defeated by 16 votes to four in the House £41,240 respectively.

The Rev Stephen Trott of House of Clergy, and by 105 to

Men of the cloth can prosper if they reduce lavish lifestyles to suit their worldly income

Angella Johnson

OHN Andrews has strong views about how much vicars like himself should receive in stipend. "I know people are always on about impoverished clergymen, but I don't think we are badly paid at

He insists his £13,500 annual salary is "quite adequate to live on" if you cut ops receive almost twice as

that they are impoverished either tend to have a lot of children or choose to send them to expensive public schools. They must recog-nise that it will cost

complain about pay differ-entials within the Church,

your suit according to the much money, Mr Andrews cloth.

"Those who complain "They have much larger university.

"They have much larger university. "They have much larger

diocesan responsibilities and have to entertain a lot, so they must either get more money or a hig ex-pense account." he

Mr Andrews, responsible for three churches near Wells, Somerset, lives with his wife and 21-year-old son in a medium size tithe cot-tage which is one of the

Heating, lighting and gar-dening (about £1,000 annually) are tax exempt as are other expenses such as entertaining; the cost of his ministerial clothes, and dry

cleaning.
Despite forking out about £3,000 per year for his chil-dren's higher education and running two family cars, Mr Andrews, 49, says | outside world."

earns 12,000 a year for run-ning the diocese newspaper and the couple were able to enjoy two foreign holidays last year. Arguing the job huge salaries, he added: "When I left journalism in 1980 to follow my vocation. I knew the pay would be much less than anything I could expect to earn in the



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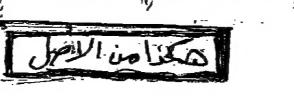
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Win widens net on sex harassment

Barbie Dutter

VICTORY by two women who brought a case of environental sexual harent against their former employer was hailed as a landmark by the Equal Opportunities Commission last

Joanna Traynor and Deborah John were awarded an undisclosed sum and received an apology from the firm, Servo Computers, after claiming that actions and comments at a staff dinner they had attended were obscene and degrading to women.

The BoC, which backed their case, said the outcome would help to clarify the issue of "environmental harassment", covering cases in which the offence takes place where people are gathered, rather than being directed at an individual. It believes women in middle management and sales positions are particular victims.

It hoped the victory would provide a genuine route of redress for staff offended by sexually degrading remarks public gatherings or parties.
The settlement was reached before Servo Computers and its chief executive, Bill Smith, were to present their case on the third day of an industrial tribunal in Plymouth. Devon.

The tribunal had heard that Mrs John, aged 36, and Ms Traynor, 35, both of Plym-outh, had been horrified by lewd jokes and sex games at the company's annual awards dinner last July.

It heard that a prize was given to the woman employee with the biggest breasts, a salesman danced with a blowup sex doll, which Mrs John

Madeleine Bunting

published today.

undertaken.

Religious Affairs Editor

EWS are left-leaning but

penditure on unemploy-

The Jewish community is

also far more radical on envi-

roomental issues than the

general population and more

liberal on questions of crime and punishment and sexual

conduct, according to the

most detailed study of the at-titudes of the community ever

The Institute for Jewish Policy Research found that

Jews consistently fall to the

left of those in the same social

and occupational groups. A high proportion are middle class professionals, yet 41 per cent of these support Labour

as against 45 per cent support

Despite a perception that racism has increased, Jews feel strongly rooted in the UK:

they do not sense they are year.

ing the Conservatives.

ment, according to a survey

inwilling to increase ex-

female colleague was pre-sented with a chocolate penis. Mr Smith was captured on video making a speech lit-tered with sexual references, and the tribunal was told that ets of condoms.

Ms Traynor, a sales manager, had resigned her £25,000-a-year job soon after the dinner. She claimed she was forced out after complaining about the dinner.

Mrs John was made redun-

dant from her £15,000-a-year sales post. She claimed she was picked for redundancy because she had objected to Mr Smith's behaviour. Mr Smith, aged 48, has agreed to implement an equal

opportunities policy and elim-inate all sexual harassment from the company.

Ms Traynor, its only black

employee, said she was appalled at being nominated for a "black power" award and being labelled a "frightening black lesbian" by Mr Smith. In her case, the firm also admitted a breach of the Race Polyticus Act Relations Act.
Nicholas Nichol, represent

ing Servo, said afterwards that many of the allegations had been inaccurate or exaggerated, and that the women now acknowledged there was no "biggest breasts" award. Carol Foster of the EoC said she believed the case was the

first of its kind in Britain "Environmental harassmen is a term that has been de vised to describe lewd and of-fensive jokes, language and behaviour directed at every-one in the room," she said. "But if an individual finds

it distressing, harassing or undermining, they may have a claim, and that is why we brought this case. We hope it gives other women the confidence to come forward to

part of a diaspora, and the

vast majority, particularly the young do not believe their future lies in Israel.

A majority does not believe

God, and one in three is not a member of a synagogue. There is a strong link between the religiosity of

parents and the likelihood of their children continuing in

These findings, taken in conjunction with an inter-

Jews attracted

to left politics



Martin Beale, aged seven, at auditions yesterday for Westminster Abbey choir school, London, accompanied by organist Martin Neary

PHOTOGRAPH: DAVID SILLITOR

Detective 'threatened court witness'

SENIOR officer in Gloucestershire police perverted the course of justice by persuading a crucial witness to stay away from court, the Court of Appeal was told yesterday. Detective Inspector Trevor Gladding later lied on oath when questioned about the episode at the trial of two men subsequently convicted for the murder of a London drugs

death of Hensley Wiltshire at attack.
a Gloucester flat where he His statements, made to Mr was stabbed and beaten. The pair said they acted in self-defence.

The appeal court heard evidence yesterday, the third day of the hearing, from Ian Hill, a consultant in forensic medicine, that Mr Wiltshire's injuries should not have been fatal. But he was discharged from hospital into police cus-tody before being rushed back with a heart attack several

dealer, said Michael Mansfield QC, for the jailed men.
Gary Mills, now 35. and
Tony Poole, aged 33, both unemployed, were jailed at Bristol crown court in January

with a heart attack several
hours later.

Mr Mansfield told the court
two crucial witness statements were never disclosed to
the defence. They were made
by Neville Jukes, who was at

Gladding, made it clear Wilt-shire had been the aggressor. He also indicated the injuries to him were confined to a beating of the legs and stab-bings in the buttocks.

Mr Jukes was requested to appear at the committal hearing in June, but never received the intended official letter. He telephoned Mr Gladding just before the committal, and taped the conversation, during which Mr Gladding said: 'It's for them to go to jail or for you to go to jail." This amounted to a threat, said Mr Mansfield. ail." This amounted to a quite improperly dissuading hreat, said Mr Mansfield. somebody who thought he Mr Gladding went on to had to go to court as a wit

warrant for Mr Jukes over non-payment of fines, and he would be arrested if he went to the committal. Mr Gladding said: "You are not

dence is ancilliary to our Mr Gladding, according to the tape, asked Mr Jukes if he had had official notification to attend. When he said no, he suggested he keep quiet should questions be asked about his non-attendance.

Mr Mansfield said: "That conversation shows an officer

required at court. We don't

threat of arrest to keep Mr Jukes away.

Under cross-examination at the trial, Mr Gladding denied he had threatened Mr Jukes not to turn up. Mr Mansfield want you at court. Your evi-dence is ancilliary to our direct lie." Mr Gladding was also asked if he told Mr Jukes to stay away. He said he had not phoned him, and had no number for him. That was a disingenous answer, said Mr Mansfield.

"He has tried to pervert the course of justice [by dissuad-ing Jukes from going to court] when it was known the defence wanted him to be called. And he committed perjury." The appeal continues today.

at petrol station THE former top fashion designer Raymond "Os-sie" Clark told a court yesterday he thought police were going to kill him dur-ing a violent confrontation

attacking police

Designer Ossie Clark fights conviction for

ing a violent confrontation on a garage forecourt. He said one "very angry" officer gripped his wrist so hard he thought it would break, stamped on his bare foot, ripped his T-shirt and finally flicked him face down on to the ground.
"I was really afraid they

were going to kill me. I was that frightened," he told Southwark crown court,

Clark, aged 52, who in the 1960s and 1970s created stage outfits worn by stars such as Mick Jagger, is trying to overturn a magis trates' court conviction for common assault against one of the officers and a two-month jail sentence.

His 29-year-old lover Diego Cologarto, who lives with him in Notting Hill, west London, was found guilty of assaulting three police officers and obstruct-

ing them. He is also appealing against conviction and
a similar sentence.

Albert Cheah, for the
Crown, said trouble began
after Clark deliberately drove his car into the back of an unmarked police vehi-cle at a Notting Hill petrol station last July. The pair became "aggressive" and a brawl started. He said Clark, who had refused to take a breath test, struck out at one of the officers while Cologarto punched

Clark agreed he had be-come impatient with the time the people in the car in

Belfast students follow in parents' footsteps

David Sharrock sees history repeat itself in an election at

marriage rate amoung male Jews under 40 of 44 per cent, will be viewed with alarm by Queens university

lewish community leaders faced with the challenge of reversing demographic de-cline. The community has al-HEIR parents fought each other on nationalist and Unionist tickets ready shrunk by a quarter since the war, and academics predict that the Jewish com-munities of the West could nearly 20 years ago, and today the names McAliskey and Taylor will be joined once disappear in the next century more in electoral battle.

Deirdre McAliskey, daugh-ter of the former MP Bernabecause of the rate of The survey, based on 2,155 dette, and Jonathon Taylor, son of John, deputy leader of the Ulster Unionist Party. self-completed question-naires, was conducted last

both want to be president of Queens university students union in Belfast. Both their parents are Queens alumni. Mrs McAliskey, born Devlin, came to prominence as a student during the civil rights move-ment Mr Taylor cut a dash as an individualistic young

Neither parent would recognise Queens today, al-though Jonathon, if elected. sation found the wreck."
The department said no dewould do what he can to change that by reinstating the national anthem at gradua-











Former MP Bernadette McAliskey and ber daughter, Deirdre; Unionist deputy leader John Taylor and son Jonathon

ended last year) and getting rid of Irish language signs in

the union building "I want to stop the rise in republicanism," says Mr Taylor, aged 22. "I've no prob-Unionist in the 1950s. In the 1979 European elections Mr Taylor polled twice as many votes as Mrs McAliskey. em with political dive just with people who think there's a place for the gun in politics." He accepts that Unionists are "definitely a

final year of economic history and politics, after all. But he seems to have accepted it." He writes for the student newspaper, The Gown, but does not see journalism — or politics — as a career. 'I enoy politics, but it's not a

Like her mother, Deirdre McAliskey is much less keen on the media, although she gracefully accepts the interest in a battle between the off-

asily settled nowadays. She and Jonathon are friends. They were both on a com-munity relations weekend when news of Friday's bomb-

ing came through, "Everyon was numb, confused and angry. But next day was the most effective ever. I've had people come up to me saying Tve never misread a person so much in my life'." As for her politics: "I ous parents. Sorry, Michelle.

tion attempts. Even with the breakdown of the ceasefire, my background is socialism political differences are more and republicanism, but my politics are my own. At 20, there is the same iron in the soul as her mother had: "Twe got the backbone to go

ecross that road to the vice chancellor and not leave until get what I went for." A third candidate, Michelle McAuley, complains that the election has been hijacked by the media, and it is not fair

otbers When told he was being arrested for common as-sault the fashion designer replied: "You deserve it you arsehole.'

front were taking. moved my car forward and bumped into the back of theirs, to chivry them The hearing continues.

Expedition 'bars families'

HE Government was accused yesterday of preventing members of the Derbyshire Family Association from joining the £2 million expedition to examine the wreck of the MV Derbyshire,

Britain's biggest maritime loss, urites Keth Harper. Paul Lembert, the associa-tion's chairman, said it had been told it would not be allowed on the survey vessel

being sent to the South China Sea. The Derbyshire sauk 15 years ago with 42 crew and two wives.

esimilation.

Mr Lambert said that the decision had been passed on at a meeting with Department of Transport officials. "We were told the team had to be independent. But our organi-

PC that's

minority" at Queens. He says his father was furious when he heard he spring of politicians who planned to stand. "I am in my have both survived assassina-

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Rightwinger's reversal propels Italy towards poll

Berlusconi yields over early election

John Hooper in Rome

TALY was last night head-ing for a general election at the end of April after the tycoon Silvio Berlusconi, made the latest in a series of reversals and announced his conversion to the cause of an

leader of the biggest party on the left had already come out ballot box, almost three years ahead of schedule.

The man chosen by the president, Oscar Luigi Scalro, to form a government out of the existing, evenly di-vided legislature had earlier admitted failure. Antonio Maccanico, a distingished former civil servant, put the blame on the right, and par-ticularly the leader of Italy's former neo-fascists.

Mr Maccanico said: "A great and extraordinary op-portunity for the future of the country has been lost." He had been asked to put together a broadly-hased administration that would have enabled parliament to reform the constitution.

clarify the balance of forces ut would be bad news for Ita-

Adela Gooch in Madrid

FORMER president of Spain's constitutional court and champion of

democratic rights, Francisco Tomás y Valiente, was yester-

day shot dead by a suspected

member of the Basque sepa-ratist group ETA in his office

Tomás y Valiente, aged 63,

professor of legal history, was on the telephone when his as-sassin —identified by onlook-

ers as a well-known member

of ETA's Madrid unit — burst

in, shot him three times in

the head and then fled, threat-ening students with his gun.

the type of cartridges and the

way it was done." an interior

Everything points to ETA

it Madrid university.

currently holds the European Union's rotating presidency. With a caretaker administration in office until late April, Italy would be unable to pro-vide the vigorous leadership the EU badly needs in the approach to next month's launch of the Maastricht review process. There is also the prospect of a lengthy delay before a cabinet is formed

following the election.

Mr Maccanico's bitter words sent the stock market tum-bling. The Milan bourse's Mib-tel index lost 3.62 per ceut.

The lira, which had already taken a battering overnight, fell again in New York. By last night, it was trading at 1084 to the Deutschmark, compared with 1069.50 at the close on Tuesday.

The urbane Mr Fini emerged the clear winner from the latest round of in-fighting and looks increas-ingly like the true helmsman of Italy's rightwing alliance. Convinced that his "post

fascists" will do well out of polls, he had been openly in favour of an election from the outset. But Mr Berlusconi --who has endured a string of political setbacks and is now on trial for bribery — was only gradually convinced.

Last night, however, Mr Berlusconi issued a statement

Spain shocked at killing

due yesterday, comes a week after a prominent Socialist

politician, Fernando Múgica,

was shot dead in the Basque city of San Sebastián.

prime minister, Felipe

Many institutions declared

official mourning for a man who had worked in harmony

maintained his independence

and was widely respected.

'He was a symbol of our de-

mocracy and this attack can only be seen as an assault on our constitution," said Diego

López Garrido, an MP for the

calm so that we can defeat

United Left and a friend. The prime minister expressed "rage and anger", asking Spanlards "to remain

"Only parliamentary elections can remake the torn fabric of country stable government."

In an interview with the Corriere della Sera newspaper published yesterday, the television mogul acknowledged that his ally had "got it right". Mr Berlusconi's own, halfhearted, attempts to reach a cross-party deal have done nothing to enhance his reputa-tion or electoral prospects.

President Scalfaro had sought a government com-posed mainly of technocrats with an inoffensive programme that could secure it wide parliamentary support.
Mr Maccanico said he was
handing back his mandate
with "very lively regret".

He had identified a "broad parliamentary majority" in favour of giving Italy a federal administration and a semi-presidential system of government. But he had been unable to use this consensus as the foundation for a gov ernment because of "political growing limitations".

These had included at

tempts to get the proposed government to play a "role that went beyond its constitutional powers" — a clear reference to Mr Fini's demand that it should put constitutional

has been on wanted posters which went on display around the country just a few

The gunman, who carried out the attack without using a

mask, escaped in a car later

found blown up in northern ETA has habitually carried

out high-profile attacks dur-ing election campaigns. Al-though its own electoral sup-

port is slowly falling the separatist group has proved it is still capable of inflicting

In recent months, the group has benefited from low police

days ago.



Mixed reception for Urals city's returning son

Residents have few reasons to be cheerful dear Yeltsin gave us pensioners some money we'd clear the shelves in one one of the best brains in the country have left."

In the office of the president's personal representations. David Hearst in Yekaterinburg reports

MAN climbed on to | Yeltsin, it had the air of a the granite plinth of place in confusion.

The roads wer Lenin with a tin of red paint, a monarchist flag, and a placard saying: "Yeltsin is a murderer."

morale as a result of a judicial inquiry into the "dirty war" fought against alleged ETA It was a gesture designed to offend everyone, but as The attack, which paralysed the official launch of claimed the attack had been being brought against a for-Spain's election campaign carried out by Jon Blenzobar mer interior minister. this capital city of the Urals

The roads were being swept clean but most work-ers had not been paid for was about to announce that he would stand for presiterday was too sure what

A scrum of hecklers swirled round the monarchist demonstrator on the statue of Lenin. "I think Yeltsin is grand," a man with a briefcase said, looking for an argument.

"Go on, tell us what Boris has done for us in the last five years," one of two welldressed women said.

The man had to think. "Five years ago we would not have had foreign jour-nalists asking us what we think of our president," the man said. The women were unimpressed: that had hap-pened under Gorbachev. "Well, the shops are full

"I'm only thinking about what Yeltsin has done for our children," the man continued. That infuriated the women. "You talk to me about children? Our kindergarten is on its knees because the factory it belonged to has stopped work." Yekaterinburg is not a

communist city, but nor is it willing to toe Moscow's awaited the arrival of its was so good about his last line. In elections last Departy started by its governor, Eduard Rossell, a man who began as a copy of Mr Yeltsin but developed into a powerful regional leader

threatening to set up a sep-aratist Urals republic. Reform has done no favours to the city's huge military-industrial fac-

tories, all now buried under deep piles of snow. Gennady, who had lost two small garment fac-tories through crippling factory where they made

British are a seafaring nation. Picture yourself on the high seas in a force eight gale. You're on the bridge of a large ship and the captain is drunk. That's what living in this country

We came to a halt outside the gates of Uralmash, an,

'You're on a ship in a gale and the captain is drunk.

That's what living in this country is like'

engineering works that used to employ 40,000 workers and now has 7,500. Nikolai Sivakov had just come off shift. He had not two small garment fac-tories through crippling taxation and government fines, angrily waved at the much he did not care. He said: "I voted for Yeltsin in pened under Gorbachev.

"Well, the shops are full of goods," the man went on.

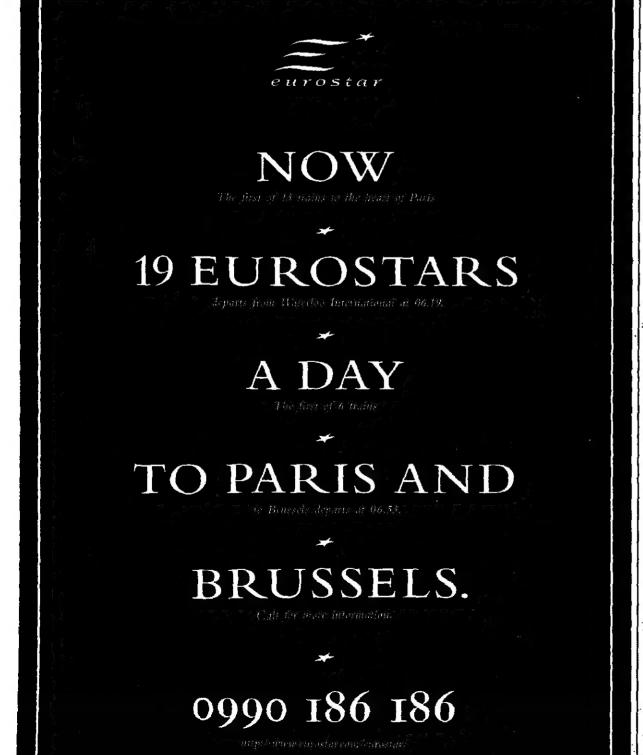
"And I'll tell you why," a man interrupted. "It's because there's no money left of the world. Look at it erals, are flying out of this intervent. In the said, stabling at the what's going on here. All the raw materials of the Urals, the minimpressed that had received the world. Look at it erals, are flying out of this airport.

Mashkov, far from being bectically busy with ar-rangements to welcome Mr

ishing touches to his book. Mr Mashkov, a nuclear physicist turned coin collector, had a theory. "My book will be about the relationship between money and 2,000 years of Russian history."

The arrival of foreign currency in Russia, he said had always brought periods of immense change. The Roman denarius, the Arabic dirham and now the US dollar had brought Russia immense prosperity. But after each period of openness there would be the dark ages of war, revolu-

tion and catastrophe.
"Russia is like a large prison camp from which the guards have run away and the man at the top is rushing about giving orders to some to dig ditches, to others to go into the kitchen: that's the mess



LONDON TO THE CENTRE OF PARIS AND BRUSSELS, DIRECT.

Germany accepts Croatian call for talks on divided city

lan Traynor in Bonn

GERMANY bowed yester-day to Croatian demands to reopen talks on the fate of the partitioned city of Mostar

in Bosnia-Herzegovina.
Klaus Kinkel, the German foreign minister, returned from Zagreb after failing to persuade Croatia's President Franjo Tudiman to accept the European Union's blueprint for reintegrating the city. The Mostar scheme was devised by the EU administrator, Hans Koschnick, a German. talks and we do not want to Last week, when Mr Kosch-

Despite the United Statesbrokered Croat-Muslim feder-ation in half of Bosnia, Bosnian Croat nationalists sponsored by the Tudjman ad-ministration have kept Mostar — the capital of Herzego-vina — ethnically split for more than two years. Claiming Mostar as the cap-

ital of their self-proclaimed Croatian statelet, they forcibly expelled all Muslims from the western half of the city in 1993. They then laid siege and shelled the Muslim side for 10 months.

nick moved to implement his of the Nato peace mission in Mostar administration Bosnis.

Scheme — allotting three districts each to the Muslims the German overtures, calcuand the Croats and a central shared seventh district — the Croatian authorities orga-nised a lynch-mob. They fired shots at and took sledgehammers to his car for more

than an hour, and broke off links with the EU team. inks with the EU team.

As Zagreb's key European ally and the sponsor of international recognition of Croatian independence in 1992.

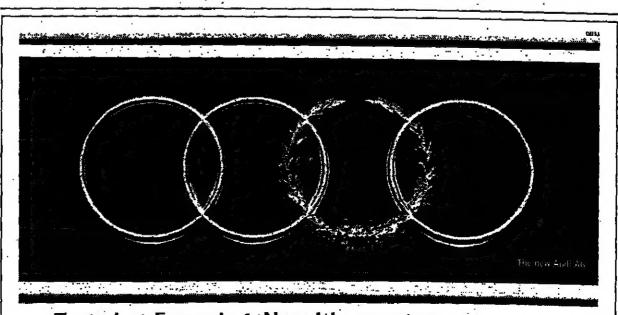
Germany has sought to bring its influence to bear over the Mostar stalemate, seen as a carrious threat to the success serious threat to the success days. - Reuter.

But Mr Tudiman rebuffed the German overtures, calcu-

for Zagreb's recalcitrance would be purely verbal. The US announced yester-day that it was withdrawing

lating that Western penalties

the first of its forces from the Nato-led peace implementa-tion force in Bosnia.

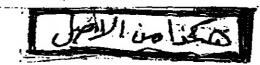


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New Hampshire scrabble to pick up Gramm vote

Alexander boosts rightwing image

AMAR ALEXANDER whose campaign in the Republican presidential race has finally gathered speed after months in the doldrums following this week's Iowa caucus vote, unveiled his own latest conservative credential shire yesterday.

The former governor of

Tennessee laughed off Sena-tor Robert Dole's latest sneer that he is a "liberal" by secur-ing the backing of one of America's most prominent conservative intellectuals, William Bennett, who announced he was to become Mr Alexander's campaign chairman.

The move came as the rightwing Texas senator Phil Gramm withdrew from the Republican race. Mr Gramm's decision has not left the conservative field open to Pat Buchanan: as the party's remaining contestants gather in New Hampshire for next week's primary, they are all competing for the conserva-tive mantle and for Mr

supporters.
"Phil Gramm has always been a colleague of mine in the senate and we are both conservatives, so I guess I have the best claim on his en-dorsement," Mr Dole said yes-terday, brushing aside months of vituperation be tween him and Mr Gramm whose presidential ambition was squashed in Iowa.

Mr Bennett, Ronald Reagan's drug tsar and education secretary, is best known as the best-selling author of Mr Alexander, meanwhile, The Book of Virtues, a tract of was tramping the town centraditional tales and homilies in which good always

"Lamar Alexander is going to be the next conservative ander is a genuinely good was running for president," man, an honest man, and a conservative in the best sense of the word."

Well, now I am counting

The 12,000 residents of the small textile town of Milford have not seen anything quite like it, at least not since the last primary four years ago. Thirty television-satellite vans and two competing mo-torcades formed an impenetrable traffic jam at the town's cramped crossroads

Lamar Alexander is going to be the next conservative president of these United States'

Stephen Forbes, the multimillionaire publisher, was trying to reach the local Rotary Club to tell businessmen tre, with 34 separate camera teams trying to squeeze into every shop behind him. "Hi, you remember me

on New Hampshire to make me not just the front-runner but the people's choice as the only man who can turn Bill Clinton out of the White House this November."

Outside, he told journalists: "Bob Dole is a great Republican but, at 73, he is not the man to lead America into the next millennium. Pat Buchan he is too extreme for the Republican Party and can never be elected president. I am now the only realistic Republican candidate."

Dressed in his trademark red and black check, Mr Alexander tried to brush aside the clamour of inquiries about series of highly lucrative deals has become the target for his rivals, with Mr Forbes noting "at least I got my money honestly". Mr Alexander's greatest embar-rassment is his investment of \$1 in a local Tennessee news-paper that later netted him more than \$600,000 (£380,000)

"This is going to knock Whitewater right off the table," a senior White House aids said yesterday, before being hauled into the Oval Office to be told by President Clinton that he wants no such dirty campaign.
'I am not concerned about

Whitewater, I am not conerned about Hillarygate." Mr Alexander said yesterday. "I'm concerned about compet ing visions for America."
Hitherto, Mr Alexander's
lowly poll rating has insu-lated him from scandal. Now

that he has become a credible candidate after winning 18 per cent in the lowa caucuses, journalists are at his heels. But for the moment, Mr Alexto be the next conservative from October, when I was ander is content that at least president of these United walking my way across this it means he is being taken States." he said. "Lamar Alex." whole state to tell you all I seriously.



Flying visit ... A trainer plane crashes into a barn in Vancouver province. The pilot ditched the aircraft short of the runway, suffering scratches

PHOTOGRAPH: MARK VAN MANEN

News in brief

Progress slows in Iraqi talks with UN

IRAQ and the United Nations have made only limited progress in talks on allowing oil sales to buy food and medicine despite rising expectations in Baghdad that a deal is imminent, it

emerged yesterday. Hans Corell, the UN official in charge, gave a cautious assessment when he briefed Security Council ambassators, while diplomats said they believed Saddam Hussein had not yet made a strategic decision on whether to go ahead. A diplomat said: "They've certainly been talking pretty seriously for a week now. But the Iraqis are talking the talks up, and in the end they might turn round and blame the UN for failure."

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The two sides have been discussing implementation of UN resolution 986, which would allow Baghdad to sell \$2 billion (\$1,3 billion) worth of oil over six months, on a renewable basis, to buy civilian supplies for its shattered economy.

President Saddam has previously rejected the offer—it requires a UN role in financial control and food distribution—see an infature ment of his saverning. The official media have

as an intringement of his sovereignty. The official media have stirred hopes that a partial lifting of sanctions is imminent. with reports on preparations for a resumption of oil exports and the opening of warehouses to receive medical supplies.

Western diplomats say this is premature: "Saddam is under lot of pressure and he has to try to show that he has control of the negotiations." one said. "It's very much a propaganda effort." — Ian Black, Diplomatic Editor, London.

North Korea gunman in siege

A NORTH Korean asylum-seeker shot his way into Russia's vast diplomatic compound in Pyongyang yesterday, killing several guards in an episode indicative of explosive tensions beneath the surface of the world's most rigidly controlled state.

The intruder was last night holed up inside the Russian trade mission and threatened to shoot himself with a pistol unless Moscow granted permanent refuge, Tass reported. All those

killed or hurt in a shootout were said to be North Koreans. The incident is another blow for a leadership beset by economic

collapse, growing famine and claims that the ex-wife of "Dear Leader" Kim Jong-il has defected. Sung Hae-rim, a former film star, was reported to have gone into hiding in western Europe. Seeking to maximise Pyongyang's discomfort, South Korea paraded three other North Korean defectors at a news conference in Seoul yesterday. - Andrew Higgins, Hong Kong.

MEPs vote for Europe's soul

THE European Parliament voted yesterday to impose advertising restrictions on television channels and quotas on programmes produced outside the European Union. Commercial television companies warned the move would damage the industry

Their complaints followed the vote, aimed largely at restricting American imports, to impose a quota ensuring that 51 per cent of programmes originate in Europe. The quotas vote is intended to project European culture against US imports and to boost local production. A series of MEPs pleaded for the parliament to protect Europeans from "American supermarket culture". Jack Lang, the former French culture minister, called for a symbolic, moral and spiritual crusade to protect Europe's soul. But British Tory MEPs said the plans showed a lack of confidence in European culture and that viewers should be trusted to make their own choices. — Stephen Bates, Strasbourg.

Militants threaten oil workers

MUSLIM militants have told Algeria's oil and gas workers to stop work or they will send hit squads to murder them, singling out the country's main export-earner for the first time.

The threat was carried yesterday in the London-based Arab-language newspaper al Hayat which quoted a statement from Abu Abderrahmane Amine, leader of the Armed Islamic Group (GIA) which has fought the army-backed government since 1992.

"Who stops work will serve his own interest and who does not stop work insists on war and harms himself, and will be killed," said the statement, which could not be independently verified.

The newspaper said: "The GIA reckons Algerian oil companies are allies of the intidels". The warning it carried v Algeria's state-owned oil and gas company, Sonatrach, and the national petroleum firm, Naphtal as well as "all those who contract with them individually or as firms".—Reuter, Paris.



Child protection act . . . Pupils at a Jerusalem high school wear gas masks in class as part of a nationwide chemical

Abacha looks to hollow praise of chiefs for legitimacy

The military and traditional rulers are seen as partners in crime by many Nigerians, writes Chris McGreal in Kaduna

han was going to say before he added him to Nigeria's jungle of emirs, gboms and

The principal traditional leader of the Yoruba people conferred a chieftaincy on Mr Farrakhan only to hear the visiting black American firebrand praise mili-tary rule as exactly what

Nigeria needs. The regime's opponents denounced "Chief" Farrakhan as a patronising rabble-rouser who came to Nigeria to line his own pocket. Attacks on the Ooni of life for honouring him were only marginally less vigorous because many Ni-gerians are no longer sur-

divided city

When General Sani Aha-

cha wants a public endorsement of his policies he turns to the men who claim to speak for Nigeria's disparate ethnic communities. Traditional rulers endorsed his coup in 1998, and his more recent plans to remain in power another three years.

The Sultan of Sokoto, a prominent Islamic leader, stood firmly with the government when Nigeria was berated for the execution of the writer Ken Saro-Wiwa, despite his own differences with Gen Abacha.

"It is only when we unite and support the govern-ment that we would be able

HE Ooni of life would view the traditional rulers us. We must remember: have done well to find and the military as partout we fall which is in our holy scriptures," he said. Shortly afterwards, Gan Abacha made a great show of setting up a committee of eminent Nigerians to "advise" the government. Half the seats went to tradi-tional rulers. The Sultan of

Sokoto was made chairman and heralded as an authentic voice of northern Nigerims even though riots and killings greeted his ap-pointment by the military under the last dictatorship. Gen Abacha is further refining a practice begun by British colonisers who worked through the traditional hierarchy as a means

of co-operation, control and intimidation. But many of

munities they claim to repboth the government and traditional leaders to pretend otherwise. Amone the few who have

dared to challenge this relationship directly is a former state governor and retired colonel, Yohanna Madaki. He lost.

Eight years ago, Col Ma-daki dismissed the Emir of Muri on the grounds that be lacked support, beside arbitrarily seizing land and flouting the law. But his own military government barely hesitated in the face of demands from tradi-tional rulers that the colonel had to go. Col Madaki says that since then the military has

come to rely even more heavily on titled men. The colonel said: "When prised. They have come to to survive the odds against those carrying ancient the military come to power

ity they like to project this false praise by getting these traditional rulers to endorse what the military does. The deceit is that they

are not speaking for their communities. "Each military govern-ment is worse than its predecessor so the present administration relies more on these traditional rulers than any before."

The collaboration is not universal. There are dissenting voices among traditional leaders but they are stifled minority. While the regime looks to religious dictates to stifle dissent, the emirs, sultans and a host of lesser titles are keen to ensure there is no challenge to their power

and finances.

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titles today no longer com- | the political avenues have | tional titles, artificial cremand the respect let alone | been closed off and so they | ations flower. They are parthe obedience of the com- | go to traditional rulers for | ticularly popular with the been closed off and so they go to traditional rulers for legitimacy. Because the military, sometimes with finally goes.

Among the most derided

elevation of one of Ger Abacha's closest aides, Lieutenant-General Jeremiah Useni. He was recently proclaimed the Sardauna of Plateau state. Plateau has never had a Sardauna before. Besides which, it is a Muslim title. Gen Useni is a Christian.

 Amnesty International yesterday called on Nigeria to abolish a special tribu-nal scheduled to try 19 Ogonis facing the death sentence, or to bring it into line with international standards. The tribunal, which passed death sen-tences on Saro-Wiwa and eight other Ogonis last

Zimbabwe poll boycott urged

MARGARET DONGO, the fiery independent Zimbabwean politician, yesterday called for a boycott of the presidential elections on March 16 and 17, dismissing them as a sham. She urged the opposition candidates, Bishop Abel Muzorewa and the Reverend Ndabaningi Sithole, to withdraw on the grounds that they are only giving credibility to President Robert Mugabe.

"The presidential elections are only for the consumption of the international and dependent and the property and the presidential and dependent and the presidential and the pre

international and donor community, and not for oppressed Zimbabweans," she said. "The elections are meant to hoodwink the international community to believe there is democracy in

She called for the country's constitution to be rewritten inorder to give opposition parties a fair chance.

Mrs Dongo was elected last year as the independent MP for Harare South, one of three non Zanu-PF members of the 150-strong parliament. She is not a candidate in the presidential race

because, at 36, she does not meet the age requirement of 40.

"A massive abstention will record a silent no vote and it will be a negation of the chicanery Zanu-PF stands for," Mrs Dongo said. "Mr Mugabe's embarrassment would be more pronouced if he goes to the polls on his own, for then there will be no legitimacy to his claim to the presidency." — Andrew Meldrum, Harare.

Conviction upheld

A COURT in Brussels yesterday upheld the conviction of a woman who was executed for collaboration with the Nazis at the end of the second world war.

The military court at the Palace of Justice ruled that Irma Laplasse, a Flemish farmer's wife who betrayed resistance fighters to the Germans in 1944, was guilty but that she should have been sentenced to life imprisonment rather than death.

The demand for the case to be reopened had been led by the extreme nationalist Flemish Vlaams Blok party which is cam-paigning for an amnesty for those who collaborated during the war. More than 300 Belgians were executed for helping the Nazis after the war and many more lost civic rights, being disqualified from voting or applying for passports. — Stephen Bates.

Mystery hiring

THE American political magazine, the Nation, claims it has hired the anonymous author of Primary Colours, a best-selling novel about the 1992 Clinton presidential campaign, to write "fictional" eports on the 1996 election campaign

The refusal of the Nation's editor, Katrina vanden Heuvel, to identify her new writer has deepened the mystery which has obsessed the political and publishing worlds.

The publisher, Random House, has cast doubt on the left-leaning New York-based magazine's claim that its Anonymous is the same person who wrote the bestseller. "Any piece of work written by the Anonymous who wrote Primary Colours will be identified as such by Random House and Kathy Robbins [agent]. Neither Random House nor Kathy Robbins is confirming this is our author," Random House said. — Inn Katz, New York.



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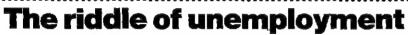
Overseas aid must be for people not countries

THE AID DEBATE which Lady Chalker | added the revealing phrase "in absolute rekindled yesterday is about principle | terms." British aid, as the OECD's deand methods — but it is also about money. That is why a speech which sets out new aims for British aid policy, and land as a percentage of GNP. According our new aims for British aid policy, and offers many points on which the aid agencies would largely agree, still has to be held up to a searching light. There is a good case for targeting British bilateral aid more precisely rather than dispersing it among no less than 163 different countries. The goal set out by Lady Chalker at Chatham House of ensuring that "the poorest countries get its leavest leaves leavest leavest leaves leaves leavest leavest leavest leavest leaves leavest l ensuring that "the poorest countries get the greatest concentration of effective help" is an excellent one. But the bare figures show that targeting under conditions of a declining aid budget will have little positive effect. Britain's position in the league table of aid donors is not all that brilliant either — and will worsen further as a result of the cut announced in last November's budget.

The thrust of targeting as set out yesterday is to concentrate the resources of the Overseas Development Administration (ODA) on the poorer countries of Asia and Africa. As Lady Chalker acknowledged, they already receive more than two-thirds of British only increase slightly this year. But the ODA's own calculations, published in its Fundamental Expenditure Review last year, show that aid to Sub-Saharan Africa and South and East Asia is expected to fall in cash terms by 17-18 per cent by 1997-98. This is before the Chancellor's imposed cut of 6 per cent resources from Latin America and elsewhere to the new target areas seems therefore likely to do little more than compensate for the reductions which are bound to occur. Many recipients will end up by noticing little difference. Self-congratulation about Britain being the world's fifth largest aid donor is also misplaced. Lady Chalker at least

now at its lowest level - by the same measurement in proportion to GNP for more than 20 years. It has become fashionable to argue that private investment has not only risen sharply but does a better job. Lady Chalker quite correctly rejects this alibi. Private financial flows tend to reward those who are already doing well, and they do not offer concessional assistance.

It is encouraging to see the "overarching purpose" of British aid clearly defined as "poverty reduction and sustainable development" before more specific aims are set out. But over-precise targeting towards specific countries is not necessarily the best way. As several bilateral aid and this proportion will leading NGOs have argued in response, it is the people rather than the country who need to be targeted. There are substantial pockets of acute need in supposedly well-off developing countries. We may still note (as the OECD has done) that the quality of British bilateral aid is often much higher than that extended multilateris taken into account. Shifting ally. Britain does do some things very well. The question is whether we can do so in all three essential areas of the post cold-war world - peace-keeping, emergency intervention and development aid. Britain's claim to be a significant world power is bolstered by this performance. But if aid budgets continue to decline, then "punching above our weight" will become a hollow charade.



We won't know if inflation is dead unless we test the water

was after government statisticians had removed 111,000 unemployed from the unadjusted figures for seasonal reasons. Britain now has one of the smallest (though still very high) unemployment rates in Europe at 7.9 per cent and Mrs Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, was understandably delighted. Economists, however, were a bit puzzled because falling unemployment is at odds with most of the other data including static manufacturing output and weak investment. So what is happening? Optimists hail it as evidence of the success of government policy (particularly labour market reforms and inward investment) while pessimists argue the opposite: that the Government's scorched earth policy during the 1980s weakened investment to the extent that the underlying growth in productivity may actually be slowing down thereby forcing firms to take on more labour.

Whatever the reason, it is reassuring that the number of new jobs is continuwhich figures are available, employment rose by 30,000 (0.76 per cent) in 4 per cent in manufacturing. Three gained.

IT'S the economy, Cupid. The Govern- | factors help to explain this. First, the ment received a welcome Valentine UK has received the lion's share of Day's message yesterday in the form of inward investment into Europe. an unexpectedly sharp fall in unemployment of 29,300 to 2.2 million. This has benefited from the involuntary devaluation of 1992. Even though manufacturers appear to have used the advantage to boost their profits rather than to expand their share of the market, it must have made domestic industry more competitive with imports and made exporting more rewarding. Third, companies may have taken on extra labour in anticipation of a stronger recovery which never happened. If true then, sadly, they may soon shed labour as well as surplus stocks.

It is worth reminding ourselves that an unemployment rate of 7.9 per cent is still very high in historical terms. Between 1941 and 1974 unemployment never reached 4 per cent and was above 8 per cent in only three years. The huge rise in oil prices during the 1970s ushered in a long period of inflation from which the West only recently emerged. The really interesting question now is whether the inflationary psychology of the 1970s and 1980s has actually been cowed or whether there is merely a hill in hostilities. And how will we know if ing to increase. In the latest year for the war is over? An upbeat inflation forecast yesterday by the normally ment rose by 30,000 (0.76 per cent) in gloomy Bank of England augurs well. manufacturing and by 153,000 (0.9 per cent) in the service industries where ture by making more frequent reducwages increases have been running at tions in interest rates even if they are only 2.75 per cent a year compared with small ones. Nothing ventured, nothing

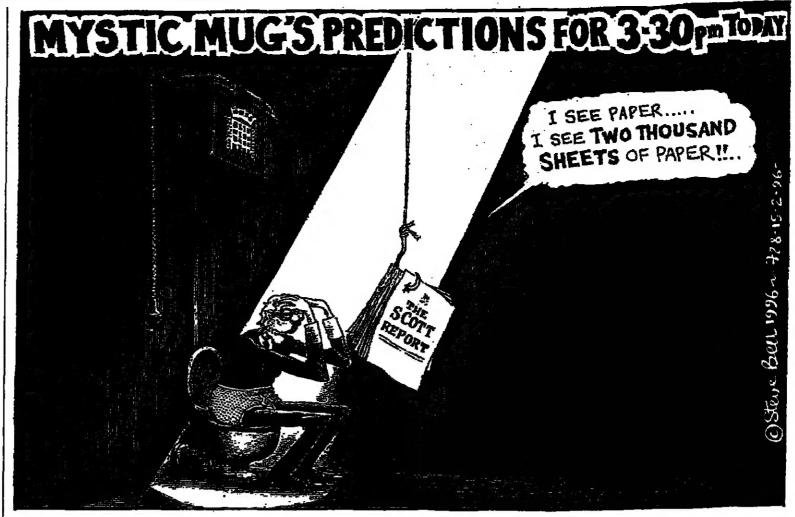
Homework in the community

Study centres are a good idea with or without lottery money

IN a country where education expecta- where there are high proportions of tions have consistently been too low, ethnic minorities, have supplementary per cent of 19-year-olds achieving five year 2000 still looks impossible without new initiatives. Only 40 per cent of 16year-olds achieve those grades at presthem - or their vocational equivalent in the following three years. One old idea might help. The Prince's Trust yesterday released details of its bid for | in British communities where the Trust £13 million from the Millennium Fund for the first phase of a national network of 1,000 study support centres --- centres to which children with poor study facilities at home could go both before and after school and perhaps at the week-

Some schools already have support centres. Other areas, particularly Millennium's workforce.

ambition is no sin. In Browning's education schemes. The Trust's aim is words, a man's reach should exceed his to provide a more systematic coverage grasp. But the Government's goal of 85 beginning in the four national capitals - London, Edinburgh, Cardiff and Belor more GCSEs at grades A to C by the fast — and then spreading out. The centres would be tied to local universities, recruiting students as supporters at say £1,000 a year, to ensure an eightent with another 20 per cent acquiring to-one pupil/adult ratio. This idea has worked well in Israel with the students providing good role models and increasing the motivation of pupils. Research supports such schemes suggests the centres do raise attainment, communication skills and self-motivation. Ideally, it should not require the Millennium Fund to finance such schemes. Realistically, they will only achieve lift off with their help. What better capital investment than investing in the next



Letters to the Editor

The high price of a TV licence

recognised the injus-tice of sending fine defaulters to prison but the current system of flat-rate fines still penalises the poor (Howard to end jailing over fines, Febru-ary 14). These changes have been made to save the Government money, recoup a greater proportion of fines and to ease public concern about the burgeoning prison population. But the 500 prison beds per day this will create will be more than filled if the "two strikes" policy for vio-lent and sex offenders is

The Howard League urges that penal policies are not made in such a piecemeal fashion and that proper consideration is given to the use purposes

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campaign to end the impris-onment of thousands of fine defaulters, mostly women with children, trapped by poverty. Could I draw your attention to the plight of tens of thousands who borrow money to pay such fines? From 1879 to 1987 I helped hundreds of people start businesses: the only case I businesses; the only case I turned away was a "journey-man" back-street loan shark. employed by a large organisation, who sought £5,000 capital to start his own round. Once hooked with a £50-£70

rity), the customers rarely escape. His rate of interest was over 1,030 per cent a year and he was gleeful that, after 10 to 12 weeks, he was lending the customers their own money

He assured me that several respected, major finance companies made fortunes in the they would have aroused p journeyman business. Is 14 lic concern, if not outrage.

ICHAEL HOWARD CONGRATULATIONS on days in prison preferable to a might finally have the successful Guardian lifetime of visits from such sociopathic parasites? Noel Hodson. Oxford OX3 7PJ.

> THE revelations by Nick Davies in G2 of the number of poor people sent to jail for failing to pay trivial fines came as a shock. The public do not hear of these cases, largely because of the decline of local weekly newspapers. So such "trivial" court declsions generally go unreported these days.

> Because magistrates courts are no longer reported in de-tail, villains escape the publicity that used to be part of the punishment.

ily harsh punishments also go unreported. Had some of the cases quoted by Nick Davies been reported in local papers, they would have aroused pub-

On the struggles of a novelist These days the police have to mount special campaigns about the dangers of drugs, drink driving, burgiaries, and door-knocking con men. Such special publicity was less nec-essary when old-fashioned count reporting kent necessity

ODLY enough, the public-ity surrounding the Joan Collins case could do writers a favour (Joan bites back with tale of the amoeba. Feb-ruary 14). The fact is that the publishing industry has been paying six- and seven-figure advances to celebrities, most of whom are not writers — the "celeb writers", as they're called.

Of late, this has happened at the expense of authors who try to earn a living from their day jobs — le writing. These writers have been neglected in the huge changes that publishing has undergone in the last four or five years. Maybe if this case makes publishers return to the people who are doing the job on a daily basis, then that would be no had

with cash-flow problems?
They should be given damehoods for services to the Conservative Party — not Carol Lee. Chair, Books Committee, The Writers' Guild of Great Britain, 430 Edgware Road London W2 IEH.

> THE Joan Collins verdict is going to make authors feel safer and publishers more cautious. If publishers are prepared to throw money at people who are celebrities not writers then they have to realise what a risk they are taking. Cavear emptor. But he lure is irresistible "Women writes book" doesn't sell copies; "Joan Collins

writes book" does. A contract is an expression of two parties' agreement. On two parties agreement.

One party is willing to pay for what the other party is able to deliver. If there are any doubts on either side, then until those doubts can be dispelled.

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White wash

OU report that Nigerians not convicted of any crime are kept in such inhuman ternal-affairs minister admits omething is wrong (Innocent left to rot in Nigeria's jails, February 13). What a good job Nigeria did not end up on Mr Howard's "white list". We will, no doubt, be welcoming our Nigerian brothers and sisters with open arms when they apply for asylum here. (Rev) Stephen Heap. Bloomsbury Centra Baptist Church, 235 Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2H 8EL.

Mind games

CHESS is a game played with just 32 pieces moved according to a small set of rules over just 64 locations by just two players strictly rotatsense to state, as your Leader does (February 13), that a machine which plays chess well is "within sight" of passing Alan Turing's test of accu rately simulating a full human being. The rules of human behaviour and the common-sense knowledge all human beings have cannot be written down in the few pages necessary to describe fully the rules of chess; all the scientists in the world have not discovered them.

The remarkable thing about computer chess is not that machines can beat humans but that humans, who are not mechanical calculat-ing engines, have until now been able to beat even the best computers at their own works according to a small fixed set of rules.

It is many years since seri-ous researchers in artificial intelligence thought brute-force search engines like Deep Blue had anything positive to tell us about human intelligence. They only tell us that humans work nothing like conventional computers. Dr) Matthew Huntbach. Dept. of Computer Science, Queen Mary and Westfield

Blue compensates for its utter lack of human insight its achievements rest on ex-actly those things which comter than human beings.

Artificial-intelligence programs of all types are notori-ously brittle. They quickly break when confronted with data outside their narrow problem domains. All the things that truly make us human — imagination, common sense, intuition, inspira-tion — are in little danger at present of being reproduced using computers. At best, computers can be programmed to imitate some of these qualities in very fragile ways which quickly fall apart outside of their microuniverses. Stuart Shapiro.

HE programmers behind Big Blue have not man-



aged to program "intuition". It is their utter failure to manage this sort of thing which has led them to use sheer number-crunching power as a surrogate. Deep through brute-force calculation and a gigantic memory:

Centre for Technology Strategy (CTS).
The Open University,
Milton Keynes MK7 6AA. KASPAROV was not de-feated by a machine, as you suggest, but by the massed ranks of the IBM engineers and programmers. Another temporary victory per-haps for plodding teamwork as against brilliant individual-

ism, and not a false conflict between man and machine. Peter Smee. 37 Hanover Road Norwich NR2 2HD.

THE first programmable electronic computer (Life BC, G2, February 14) was not lossus, built in 1943 to de cypher messages from the Führer in his generals. The detailed design of the 10 Colossi was by the Post Office research station at Dollis Hill: they were erected in Bletch-ley Park. After the war two went elsewhere and we be lieve one operated until 1960.

A first-generation computer with a working life of 15 years ... they don't build em like that any more.

(Dr) Peter Jarvis. Bietchley Park Trust Ltd., The Bungalow, Stable Yard, Bletchley Park, Milton Keynes MK2 5EF.

A foreign policy N 1958-59, I was serving in

court reporting kept people aware of the criminal

SURELY all those who have inadvertently found

themselves imprisoned for failing to pay their TV fines were merely following the Deputy Prime Minister's

sound advice to businesses

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imprisoned. Simon Gardner.

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Cheddington,

the Royal Navy when Greek Cypriots were fighting for independence. I was shot at and ROKA terrorists tried to blow ain sat down with the EOKA leader. Archbishop Makarios. and his terrorist colleague and independence and peace was achieved in 1960, I was in Aden when that former colony was fighting for independence and I narrowly missed being killed. Britain eventually sat Aden achieved Its independence.

Successive British govern-ments — mainly Tory — have counselled that countries such as India, Pakistan and Singapore where there is civil unrest, talk to the men with the gun and bomb. Yet, in stark contradiction, they refuse to do so with the IRA. How can a European Community — "united states of Europe" possibly be talked about and ireland remain divided? Anthony Tuck. Fortis Green, London N2.

TiM McKane (Letters, February 18) seems dismayed that the Guardian is not subject to the cosy sectarian veto and subtle NIO censorship of the daily press in the north of ireland. As someone from Bel-fast, the Guardian's objectivity is a source of hope for the future of all in these islands. Michael McCoy. Loveday Road,

A Country Diary

THE BURREN, IRELAND: I | two other male blackbirds rose, as usual, at 6.40am, and checked the temperature outside — still -2C. Breakfast at my desk, reading and watching out for the lightening of the sky. At first brightening I move to the kitchen where I have a better view of the sunrise. The hills lie dark, an almost even rim to the exreme east, then falling rising, falling and levelling towards Finavarra and the Bay shore. Light inches up a faint green turning to pale then golden yellow. Great streams of red flood the sky, fading to rose, slowly turning fainter until light fills the air, bringing the hills to life, Later I go out to check a drain, the grating of which I've noticed has been frequently disturbed — today it displacer — our pine marten or fox? Our robin, blackbird, are about Indeed, there are

they watch each other but are not aggressive enough for a flying chase. On our walk to the village we see three herons, swans, oyster catchers, waders and 22 Brent geese. Our friendly Emily tells us about the arthritic dog, Spot, she has adopted who has begun to grumble and growl. Emily said to her.
"If you don't like it here, off you go and find some place better." Later Spot was miss-ing and did not return to sleep. Next day, Spot came home but Emily also got a bill — "Hyland's Hotel: Bed and Breakfast for one dog. Spot had got into the hotel. making distinct each crisp climbed the stairs and slept and cream-flecked wave.
Later I go out to check a
drain, the grating of which
Tve noticed has been frejoining in the hullabaloo to quently disturbed — today it is lying neatly beside the drain. Who or what is the displacar — our pine marten displacar — our pine marten or fox? Our robin, blackbird, dlary as the light fades and wrens, finches and thrushes darkness reigns. SARAH POYNTZ

ment and the gutter. (Clir) Harry Rimmer.

article (City 'playing Mr Bumble with school dinners'. February 14) which gave cre-dence to the Liberal Democrats' fallacious claim that Liverpool City Council was proposing a 10 per cent reduc-tion in its school-meal provision. This was compounded by the even more outlandish suggestion that children in receipt of free meals should be discriminated against regarding the quantity of food.

Let me put on record the unequivocal commitment of the council's ruling Labour administration to protect the existing level of school-meal provision. It is sad that local LibDems, who have failed to make any constructive sug-gestions to the resolution of the council's extremely difficult hudget position, should seek to alarm parents and Please include a full postal children with such cynically address, even on e-mailed manufactured scare stories. letters, and a telephone number Liverpool Liberals profess to We may edit letters: shorter be the founders of their par-ty's so-called "pavement poli-tics". I am afraid that this in-

WRITE further to your cident only underlines the article (City 'playing Mr short distance between the Municipal Buildings, Liverpool L69 2DH.

> ACCORDING to a LibDem spokesman, Liverpool's proposed 10 per cent reduc-tion in school-dinner portions would lead to children eating two sausages each day, rather than their customary three. If this is an example of the maths now being taught in our schools, Mr Blair's crusade for higher educational standards is clearly more urgent than we first thought.

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Phil Woodford.

We will fork out for school dinners | Life as art YOU published a letter from Ibrahim Thompson (February 8) claiming that "the Tate built its empire

from profits made from slave sugar plantations". The process of abolishing slavery was completed with the Slavery Abolition Act of 1833 which freed all slaves in British col-onles. Henry Tate built his first sugar refinery in 1873. Mr Thompson also quoted two early writers on Cézanne who state that Cezanne had "negro" or "Creole" blood. The story was that Cezanne's mother was descended from ers, sent to the Caribbean in 1802 and who returned with a black bride. In his 1935 biography of Cézanne, the Ameri can scholar, Gerstle Mack, traced Cezanne's maternal line back to the early 18th century; there was no Napole onic commander and no black

Simon Wilson. Curator, Tate Gallery. Millbank London SW1P 4RG.

Matthew Norman

S the publication date draws close, excite-ment about The Blair Revolution, my friend Mandy Mandelson's rigidly objective account of recent Labour history, becomes in-tolerable. Although Mandy co-wrote the book with Roger Liddle, it seems he had other little helpers be-sides. One of these is an office boy called Derek Draper — an obliging, monkish lad who loves to ring me for a natter. Derek must have been particularly helpful, for he is receiving 3.3 per cent royal-ties (a third of Mandy's own percentage). Better still, Derek has even set up his own company, "3C Books". This will sell copies or dered in advance at £8.99, keeping a massive commission of 35 per cent, and will also orga-ganise... the Mandy Manganise . . . the Mandy Man-delson "Blair Revolution" national lecture tour. Gosh. Anyone still unsure about committing themselves to buying the masterpiece in advance will find all the

EANWHILE, what of Philip Gould, Labour's self-effac-ing communications man? A much respected writer himself, although principal ly of memos, Philip has a new wheeze. He is now treating his "focus groups" gatherings of people to discuss advertising brand names (or, in this case, po-litical principles) to some-thing he calls "winning words". The group is shown a single word ("squeegee", "Thatcher", "Internet", or whatever) and their snap responses help decide whether it is winning or losing. (I invite anyone who has been to a meeting to call me at once.) Should this idea ever be deemed inappropriate for a major political party, Channel 4 are very keen to turn it into a children's TV show.

best bits serialised in the Guardian shortly.

■HE Financial Times has announced the winner of free econ-Mastering Management section. He is Mr N Leeson of Stone, Staffs. The paper adds the usual rider that it will not be liable "for any cause beyond its reasonable control that prevents the winner taking up the

E all have different notions of what an intimate Valentine might be. To some, it is a pretty card, and to others a self-composed poem. But my sane and rational friend Paul Johnson's notion of an intimate Valentine is to write an article in the Daily Telegraph explaining how his marriage is dominated by bickering and discussions of divorce. (There is the glimmer of a paradox here — Paul is a ferocious opponent of newspapers delving into people's private lives — but it is so ex-traordinarily rare for him to contradict himself that we will let it pass.) Paul dwells almost coquettishly on those shared moments of bliss with Marigold, his saintly wife. They might, he says, have divorced a dozen times, "but the causes and circumstances and details nce faded from memory. 'Darling, why did we almost get divorced in 1972?' 'I can't remember, but it wasn't 1972, it was 1974 . . . " He is the Maurice Chevalier of political

punditry. So touched was I by his tendresse ("Marriage is a profession" moved me especially). I wrote him a Valentine from the Diary and its loyal army of readers. "Your face isn't red. your blood isn't blue, your name is Paul Johnson, and we all love you." Ahh.

White wash

ARM congratula-tions to Joan Col-lins for winning her case over money — £2 million — she was owed for a manuscript by the pub-lisher Random House. "I am absolutely delighted," she said, "Justice has been done." Indeed it has. In garrets all over the world today, novelists will salute her for winning for them a victory for the principle of literary freedom unknown since the Lady Chatterley trial. In appreciation of this, I am proud to announce that A Ruling Passion (which Random House refused to publish) is the first ever Diary Non Book of the Month.



Waiting for the last reel on Bosnia

Commentary

Hugo Young

HILE Europe slept,
America acted.
This was not supposed to be the shape of our times, and Richard Holbrooke, the US Assistant Semestrant of States. tant Secretary of State for European Affairs, has repeat edly declared that he didn't mean what he appeared to have said. But the sentiment has the same resonance of uncomfortable truth Dean Acheson achieved 33 years ago when he said that Britain had lost an empire but not found a role. It is a saying, even if not precisely said, that will not go

in a week, Holbrooke will have left a job in which be be-came famous as the peace-broker of Bosnia. For a man steeped in history and geo-politics, who combines in that wonderful American way the faculties of both actor and observer, it is a paradoxical mo-ment to be quitting the scene. Seldom has so short a term of tially by the Cold War, their office witnessed the beginning mis-match with the where-

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HE Church of Eng-

land is balanced un-comfortably be-

tween its predomin-

antly Conservative-

voting congregations and its left-leaning clergy. Despite

the blaze of publicity given to the survey of General Synod

members yesterday, this is not new; the cry of a Church stuffed with pinkos reverber-ated through the eighties. The

survey simply showed that

this gap between priest and faithful continues to widen.

But this small shift is explo-

sive stuff because it conceals

the on-going, long-term radi-

cal transformation of the Church of England.

Once a pillar of the Establishment, the Church saw its

role as buttressing the State.

Being a member of the Church

was not a choice but an ines-

capable part of one's national and political identity. Britain,

Church, Crown and State

were inextricably linked in a tradition which provided a

remarkable degree of intellec-tual and spiritual security. The Church of England was

dominated by the middle class

and its role was essentially to preserve and legitimise the status quo. Thousands of the ruddy-faced majors and head-

scarfed women who file into the pews on Sunday still sub-

But all that is changing.

Christianity has become a

scribe to this Church.

in a less and less formally

time before disestablishment.

argues **Madeleine Bunting**

role as a model to society.

respect of the traditional Es-

tablishment crumbles —

watch the Crown — the Church is distancing itself,

and edging towards alliance with the dispossessed. This explains the cheerfulness

with which Church leaders now refer to the loss of £800

million in property specula-

tion: they actually welcome a poorer church, less cushioned

by its historic wealth.

The Church knows it has

lost much of its traditional leverage on power. Only last week, Virginia Bottomley

Church

was present at the creation. Crammed into the last part of 1995 were events as distant as they could be from the end of they could be from the end of history. While the movie that began in 1945 ended around 1990, the new movie, as Holbrooke tends to think of it, is unspooling without anybody having much idea what the next episodes will be. In the space of just a few weeks, Russia agreed to send troops to operate under American comerate under American com-mand, thousands of German soldiers began to operate for the first time outside Ger-many, France re-joined Nato proper, Nato mobilised for by far its most serious operation, and its enlargement eastwards became a more imminent

All these could be positive developments. But they are happening against a back-ground where history, so far from being ended, is in peril-ous danger of being ummade, with imponderable conse-quences for the world. Across the entire south-east quadrant of Europe, where frontiers drawn 80 or more years ago have been kept in place essen-

of so much that will fall to the successor, not the first actor, to carry forward: all of it, though, making the point about Europe that he insists he wasn't really making.

The consolation is that he Greece. To a geo-politician, the consolation is that the consolation is that the consolation is that the consolation is that he consolation is that the consolation is the consolation is that the consolation is that the consolation is the consolation is the consolation in the consolation in the consolation is the consolation in the consol to Hungary to Bulgaria to Greece. To a geo-politician, the opportunity presents itself to do rather better than Woodrow Wilson and Lloyd George, kneeling on the floor at Versailles to pore over the Greater Balkans, and mis-reading so catastrophically the shape of both maps and power. The first departure from the

1990s' sleep-walking script was American. America did indeed act. When President Clinton came to power, this wasn't supposed to happen. The presi-dent styled himself domestic, and the nation was lured into regarding this as the decade of Asia, in which Europe, as seen from anywhere west of Wash ington, was old hat. What we've learned is that this cannot, actually, be. Clinton has been to Europe seven times. Although the US is a great Pacific power, it is not an Asian power and, with the exception of South Korea, no longer has political commitments there for which it would ultimately fight. Europe, by contrast, turns out still to be its inextri-

cable interest.
Washington was as dilatory as Europe in getting serious about Bosnia. When Clinton eventually committed 20,000

point rise in his personal rat-ings and a big party swing in the polls. Pending some disas-ter, the American public is now behind the military's mission. This has to be strictly limited. The "Vietmalia" syndrome continues to touch the psyche, making Americans terrified of mission creep, which led variously to the Vietnam catastrophe and the more recent humiliations in Somalia. That's why Nato won't be going on a possibly futile search for Radovan Kar-adzic, and why 12 months is the limit. All the same, the US commitment is a mome tatement of purpose.
Europe, meanwhile, didn't

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Turbulence threatens to explode all around

has no choice.

quite aleep, but has been un-able to rouse itself to effective action even in a much les theatre than Bosnia, namely the Aegean. Holbrooke's phrase referred to the absurd gunboat crisis over Imia, the uninhabited rocks close to Turkey where Greece, abetted by a group of Turkish journalists, very nearly managed to start a war. This Greco-Turkish wrestling might have been more smoothly handled if the European Union had shown it-self in the smallest degree capable of contributing to a so-lution to the problem of Cy-prus, one of its new candidates for membership.

This is supposed to be the

every indication of what the public wanted. For this act of political courage, however, he has been rewarded with a ten has been foreclosed from playing a proper part by its inability to agree about the simplest details. Italy, currently holding the presidency, is supposed to take the lead. But the Italian foreign minister. the Italian foreign minister acting for Europe or, less promisingly, for Italy? Can the EU involvement be conducted with clear authority, or will the interested nations, Britain among them, be whispering behind their hands to Washington that they disagree with this or that EU move?

No one would pretend that operating a foreign policy to encompass nations that stretch from Lisbon to Hel-sinki and Stockholm to Athens will be simple. The only time it worked was in the Gatt ne-gotiations, when the EU negotiator, Leon Brittan, was given absolute authority which not even the French sought to destroy. Without that, there would have been no Gatt deal.

What was done for trade is by no means naturally replica-ble on political matters. But the reflections of a geo-politi-cian say that the these simply cannot be avoided. Europe, in a sense, has no choice. Turbu-lence threatens to explode all around it. Meanwhile, it fiddles over process and can't get beyond the nice futilities of who speaks for whom. For my part, I think this is more urgent than the single currency as a test of the EU's purpose. It also happens to be roughly where "Europe" came in, after the war. Then, too, Acheson and Dulles saw America as a poor substitute for European integration, which they were desperate to encourage. Clinton's reversion has a more shaming origin: the discovery that the US alone can summon up the will, never mind the means, to shape our own

Pictures that are still worth a thousand words



Natasha Walter

HE PUNTERS are pour ing in. They are standing in line and paying their £7 and doing the right thing staring at the brilliant green and blue eyes of the dead man's art. Why do they come? What are they looking the finishing tape in our life. for?
"I could live with that one."

says a woman in front of Cé-zanne's first impressionist-

straining up to try to see a crisp, half-coloured drawing. "I think it was bedtime. I think he didn't have time to finish it." "She looks pissed off," says

another woman, in front of a portrait of Madame Cézanne. "I bet he gave her a hard time." "She looks like I feel." says her friend.

"Provence is impossible now," says a large man in front of a picture of Mont Sainte-Victoire. "All those tourists have ruined it."
"He couldn't do legs, could

he?" says a talkative man ea-gerly. "Look at that knee on the left. Right out of propor-tion, isn't it? And the foot kind of disappears. Pity, really." "He does it his way." says his woman friend, censoriously. "He could live in peace,

says another man to his friend in the middle of the room. "No cars or television. No faxes. Maybe he was the last painter to live like that."

And so they go through the exhibition, every one finding his or her own words to de-scribe the blotches of colour that a man lived for. The stories they tell are no less relevant than the stories of the critics. Indeed, they are often the same. Cézanne's bad draughtsmanship in his bathers' pictures, his priestlike dedication to his art, his difficult relations with women -all these things are told to us of the bathers' pictures make a huge vagina, and that the outstretched hand of a lonely

stories are best? The hype surrounding the Cézanne exhibition is not simply foisted on the public, and the people who troop through the galleries are not faking their involvement and enthusiasm. Cézanne fulfils all our tra-ditional beliefs about the artist, all our traditional notions about what art should do.

perfectly on the cusp of pre-modern and modern art we can be reassured by him. He seems to have roots, into a time when painting and re-painting the perfect, ample apple next to the perfect vase was a fit exercise for art; and he seems to have branches into a time when planes and perspectives began to dissociate themselves deliberately from the painted scene. He tells us where we come from. He tells us there is one story time. No matter that a trip round the rest of the Tate will reveal the broken-down glit-ter of impressionistic Turners zanne s infer impressionistic turners
style landscape. "That's or the strict painterliness of right," says her friend. "Or the strict painterliness of Stanley Spencer and Lucien freud. Cezanne gives us a story we can understand.

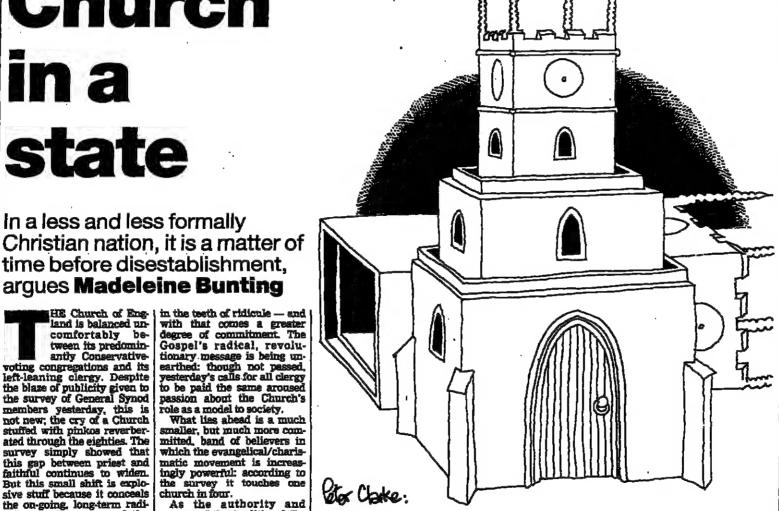
And he lived like a real artistic straining up to try to see a land unknow. A feature in

and unhappy. A feature in this month's Vanity Fair reminds us that he could not bear to be touched. We know he had an intense attachment to the countryside. Another feature in Vogue sends an art critic to Provence to consider this romantic relationship. So people go to the exhibition to get in touch with that artistic sensibility that is relegated to the fringes of society, a lonely, tortured, romantic sensibility. Perhaps we hope to be uplifted through contact

IS personal reasons for painting are also still furiously debated. Was he, as Waldemar Januszczak Times, "proselytising for an earthy, unintellectual, homespun, sensual, French way of life that was being threatened by new urban values"? Or was it, as Andrew Graham-Dixon proposes in Vogue, "not enough for him to be a painter of ordinary experi-ences. He wanted to be a grand peintre, a peak in the

grande tradition"? Certainly, it seems perverse to worry about the dumbing down of Britain when 300,000 people are queueing to see for themselves the painter who still drives such debate.

And luckily, the minute you enter the galleries, the irreducible meaninglessness of by experts. Critics also tell us | art takes over. Psychologist that the arching trees in one and historians, moralists and biographers need art to make their stories. But unlike much contemporary art, bather by rocks is the rigid | these pictures don't need the hand of a man trying not to words to live. Subtle explanatouch his erect penis. Whose tions of intent, so necessary become oddly redundant. This exhibition may have been byped through such stories, but it shakes them off easily enough. Patches of colour splash the walls, lakes open, apples roll, the people are hypnotised, they run out of words. "Lovely touches of red," they say finally. Because Cézanne sits so truthfully.



and a light in the darkness. Decline has prompted this transformation. Less than 2 per cent of the country are regular church-going Anglicans; about 10 per cent of England, a once-Christian country, comprises practising believers. Now, Christians are a minority in an intrusive secular culture which derides religious belief. Not since the

Roman Empire have European Christians had to cope with this. gave no truck to Church lead-ers' complaints about the lottery. But few mourn the pass-ing of this power. What they will have instead is influence. In the space of a generation, How to cope with decline? And, more vexed, what should be the faithful's relationship to secular society? Anglicans the Church has dramatically scaled down its 400-year-old share this dilemma with other denominations — Catholicism

graphic facts which could al-most spell the end of Judaism in a couple of generations.

Faith communities have a

choice. Either they retreat from secular culture into what has been called the "holy huddle", thus maintaining purity of belief. Or they engage with secular society and preach their good news. The choice triggers bitter divisions within the churches. Pope John Paul II. with his darkly pessimistic view of the death-culture of secular society, appears to prefer the former, as do many of the growing number of uncompromisingly born-again Christians outside the

nation-state to being, in evan-gelical terms, "salt and light" the Jewish community bishop of York, warned the —salt as the leaven in society, sharply illustrates some demo Church against the "holy Church against the "holy huddle" in his valedictory address to General Synod last summer as a sterile dead-end.

The Church of England is

an institution in transition. Disestablishment is probably just a matter of time. If the House of Lords is reformed. will the bishops survive? If they do, how can their presence be justified to the more numerous Catholic Church or even the growing Muslim population? Not to mention the thorny issue of a remar-ried King Charles as Defender of Faiths. There is also another, more fundamental question: how will the Church be able to afford the parish system by the middle

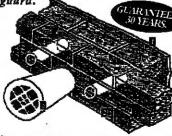
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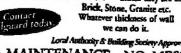
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David Hearst on the communist mally working privatised plines the behaviour of the communist but as a president of the communist but as a president for all Russia.

The growing potency of the communist movement as a whole. What happens if a Zyuganov's appeal is recognized.

the Communist Party of the Russian Federation. For the delegates of 500,000 party members convening in Mos-cow, it will be more anointment than vote. As matters stand now, Zyuganov is the man most likely to become Russia's next president when the country votes in June. The general election last December in which the communists reaped 23 per cent of the vote was as much a personal success for Zyuganov as for his party. Beforehand, Zyuganov believed other aspirants such as Petr Romanov, or the popular ethnic Kazakh, Aman Tuleyev, might be bet-

groups bearing the communist name. The two main crit-ics of the pragmatic line shown by Zyuganov, the neo-Stalinist Viktor Anpilov, and Oleg Shenin, who would re-establish the Soviet Union, party, as its name implies, to both declared their support for him.

But differences between the three remain great. Annilov. head of the Russian Communist Workers Party, wants complete renationalisation. Only workers' collectives have the right of ownership. he claims.

ENNADY Zyuganov Yeltsin without being them work. Only those from will today be nominated as the president candidate of dential candidate of ised the field between the communication of the communication of the communication of the field between the communication of the communication hranded red.

The December poll polarised the field between the communists and Yeltsin supporters. Success has quietened dissent among the 20 mo expropriation of property under Zyuganov. Shenin, who heads the Union of Communist Parties

banned Soviet CP. Zyuganov proposes voluntary, economic rather than territorial re-integration, for which the model is not Marx but the European Union.

party is weak. Like others, ter placed to achieve his principal ambition: uniting the opposition to President Boris

Zyuganov in contrast is Anpikov supports Zyuganov itional figure — a man who because the over-riding first tion on privatisation. His lat-

communist victory is secured may be a different matter entirely.

The lack of open dissent between the rival keepers of the

communist Holy Grail has given Zyuganov room for po-litical fence-building. After two months of consultations, he is on speaking terms with all other political parties, in preparation for the formation of a post-June coalition.

Only two parties are ex-cluded: Our Home is Russia, power base of the pro-Yeltsin prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, and the Liberal Democratic Party, led by extreme nationalist Vladimir

Zhirinovsky. The overall aim is clear. Appllov is quiescent for Little by little, Zyuganov is now, but not because his transforming himself into a presidential rather than fac-

towards communist positions. No more vociferous op-ponent of Nato's long-delayed eastern expansion can now be found than the defence minis-ter, Gen Pavel Grachev. Evgeny Primakov, the new foreign minister, is busy rebuilding ties with the Middle East and Russia's own 'Near Abroad" - a policy the communists have advocated for the past two years. But the path ahead remains

The growing potency of Zyuganov's appeal is recognised by current government

ministers who are moving

slippery. Yeltsin, who will formally announce his own re-election bid today, has many tricks up his sleeve and is already trying to spend his way out of trouble. There are many in the government who have much to lose, possibly even their liberty, if the communists win. Zyuganov knows the battle is only

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one Anfield legend but created another. Not that Paisley would have agreed with this description, for he hated the game's flummery and hyper-bole and never departed from

Therein lay his greatness as a manager. Graeme Souness once acknowledged that "Bob Paisley was brilliant", while adding that "he could not al-ways communicate with the players". But while words were not Paisley's strongest point, and many of his sen-tences trailed away into infinity, he possessed two traits essential to the success of anybody in football: imaginative ideas and the ability to put them across.

It was Paisley who bought a bulky Ray Kennedy from Arsenal, slimmed the player down and converted him into one of the best left-sided midfielders English football has seen. Paisley also bought Kenny Dalglish from Celtic after Kevin Keegan had left to join Hamburg, and Dalglish remains the most gifted foot-baller ever to wear Liverpool

Paisley managed Liverpool for nine years following the unexpected retirement of Bill Shankly ater the team's overwhelming victory against Newcastle United in the 1974 FA Cup final Such had been the power of Shankly's personality, and so successfully had his teams performed, that at the start of the following season Liverpool appeared to

room team, but was not player.

OB PAISLEY, the totally unknown. He had, former Liverpool after all, appeared in 252 manager who has league matches for Liverpool as a stocky, industrious wing-half, but seemed fated to enjoy no more than a passing glimpse of glory in the shape of an England B cap.

In the 1950 FA Cup semi-finals he scored the opening goal in Liverpool's 2-0 defeat of Everton. but was dropped for Wembley. Alongside such illustrious players as Billy Liddell and Albert Stubbins, he seemed destined to be one

of football's spear-carriers.
In fact Paisley had already
collected an FA Amateur Cup
winner's medal before taking
up the game professionally.
Born in Hetton, he joined Liverpool as a callow 20-year-old from Bishop Auckland in the

spring of 1939. "A former Liverpool player, Andy McGuigan, met me at Lime Street station," he recalled, "and he took me up to Anfield where I signed for a wage of £5 a week and a £10

signing on fee.
"I never dreamed what the future would hold for me. Certainly I never ever suspected that more than half-a-century later I would be a director, having served the club as player, trainer, physiothera-

pist, coach and manager." On retiring as manager at the end of the 1982-83 season Paisley stayed on at the club as a director, but his 53-year ssociation with Liverpool was ended by ill health early

In his nine years as man-ager Liverpool won 13 tro-phies; three European Cups, six league championships three League Cups and one be operating in a vacuum.

Paisley was a member of chuded Paisley, just as be had the Anfield Boot Room back missed an FA Cup medal as a

He took over a team which was as talented as anything Anfield had seen at that time and eventually produced something even better. In 1974 Liverpool PC contained Kevin Keegan, John Toshack, Steve Heighway, Emlyn Hughes and Phil Thompson

Smith were still around. Shankly demanded commitment and passion from his players. Paisley wanted this and something else: patience and the sort of intelligence that would add European honours to Anfield's domestic

Ian Callaghan and Tommy

triumphs. He had realised what was required when Liverpool were taught a footballing lesson by Red Star Belgrade in the European Cup in 1973. Shankly might dismiss Red Star as "a bunch of fancy men," but Paisley knew better.

ATER he said: "Our approach was a bit frantic. We treated every match like a war. The strength of British football lay in our challenge for the ball, but the continentals took that away from us by learning how to intercept. We discovered it was no use winning the ball if you finished up on your

"The top Europeans showed us how to break out of defence effectively. The pace of their movement was dictated by the first pass. We had to learn how to be patient like that, and think about the next two or three moves ahead when we had the ball."

Paisley used constant fiveside practice sessions, with tackling kept to a minimum, to get the message across to his players. In 1977 his ruary 14, 1996

roundly defeat Borussia to win the European Cup, which they retained a year later by beating Club Bruges at Wembley and regained in Paris in 1981 with a win over

Throughout all his tri throughout an instrumphs Paisley remained the down-to-earth former Desert Rat who had helped liberate Rome on the back of a tank. At the height of his fame he would still spend part of the close season muck. part of the close season mucking out a friend's racing stables. It was his way of

unwinding.
From time to time Paisley revealed a surprisingly dry wit. When it was put to him that Avi Cohen, the Israeli de that Avi Cohen, the Israeli de-fender Liverpool had signed from Macabbi of Tel Aviv, might not want to play on Sat-urdays, he shrugged and said so what, quite a few of the ex-isting team did not want to

play on Saturdays.

Paisley had little time for the game's fads and fashions. "Some of the Jargon is fright-ening," he said. "They talk of 'getting round the back' and sound like burglars. They say 'you've got to make more pos-Itive runs' or 'you're too negative'. That sounds as though you're filling the team with electricians. But people talk like this without real depth or knowledge of what they're really talking

about. Paisley had both depth and knowledge, and for that Liv-erpool will be forever in his

born January 23, 1919; died Feb-



Amelia Rosselli

A life lived in the long shadow of the assassin

one of Italy's most ad-mired poets, has comage of 65 by throwing herself from the window of her lifth floor apartment near the Piazza Navona in the centre of Rome. She was just seven when killers of Mussolini's secret service assassinated both her father, Carlo Rosselli, and his brother Nello in Paris. It was an event which affected her throughout her

Carlo Rosselli had been a militant in the Italian antifascist movement Giustizia e Libertà (Justice and Freedom), the surviving members of which were later to become the nucleus of the Partito d'Azione, one of the leading resis-tance groups of the second world war. Carlo and Nello had been arrested soon after Mussolini's purges began in

They had been sent to the island of Lipari, of the north coast of Sicily, one of the main places of confinement for Mussolini's political opponents, but had escaped and found refuge in Paris, where cism. Then, during the Spandered the elimination of prominent anti-fascist Itallans living abroad.
This was the background

against which Amelia Ros selli grew up. The assassina-tion of her father and uncle continued, and still con-tinues, to resonate in Italian Alberto Moravia's more con-troversial novels. The Conformist, although this caused



Rosselli . . . encouraged by Pasolini and Attilio Bertolucci

to great acclaim by Bernardo | to dinner. He encouraged her Bertolucci | to prepare a collection of her

The director's father, the poet Attilio Bertolucci, a friend of Amelia and admirer of her work, told me, "Bernardo did his best to make the nardo did his best to make the tons), came out in 1964 and the state of t selli family because they felt its eroticism was in danger of overshadowing the real story. In 1970 the novel was filmed story with a self interest overshadowing the real story. In 1970 the novel was filmed story with a self interest overshadowing the real story. In 1970 the novel was filmed story with a self interest overshadowing the real story. In 1970 the novel was filmed story with a self interest of the same air of the collapsed unexpectable which no longer belong to the poet alone, but to all of us.

A soft sonnet

a soft sonnet is all the strength i have to create, full easy life have i ever and ever again and again destroyed, but was it god crying within me turn out all

lights! No love be granted to he who

hates all love save life writ on paper there goes my

seed wild into

death

Amella Rosselli (writing in English) in Sleep 1953-1966, published 1992

zine Menabo in 1963. The this period as the happiest father and uncle and the persecution to which they were subjected became a permanent torment for her. When she arrived to live for the first time in Italy in 1948, at the height of the cold war, she thought she was being purunder Stockhausen. She worked for a time with John been true: she had American connections and was herself a Cage, and there is little doubt that her musical studies afmilitant with the Italian Communist Party. Quite recently she told Attilio Bertolucci that the American secret service was spying on her. It is difficult not to see her perse-cution complex as a product of the horrible reality of her

childhood. With her mother, who was English, she had left Paris shortly before the Germans snorty before the Germans arrived to occupy it. After a spell in England they went to the US where, as anti-fascists, they were helped by the Mazzini Society in New York. They found a home on a farm in Larchmont, where Amelia

It is a political body that was created to blame the Serbs. I

After the war, while her brother, John chose to stay in England, Amelia went to Italy with the aim of studying music there. She learned the violin and the piano, quickly becoming obsessed with do-decaphony to the point of go-ing to Darmstadt to study

fected her poetry.
She published several books, prose as well as poetry, over the decades, the most recent being Sleep — with the title in English. She spoke English as well as French and Italian. One critic, Antonella Anedda, praised the "ironic wisdom" of these last verses which succeeded, she said, "in conjugating withdrawal and boldness, brutality and

John Francis Lane

purity."

Worthless as was her itinerary

Rosselli's poetry strives for "a perfection it cannot achieve", as Paulin says of

writing a biography of Amelia Rosselli, adds: Recognition, for one of Italy's major modern poets has been slow and tragically overshadowed by a family history inextrica-bly tied to the fate of a much troubled, and still threatened.

Born in exile, she was italy's very own *étrangère* — an "honorary homeless citizen of Cosmopolis", as Pasolini af-fectionately called her, whose deep, husky, (rauco) spoken accent betrayed her foreign background. Naturally reserved, wide-eyed, startled, even graceful in her ungainliness, Amelia kept a circum-spect, if slightly ironic dis-tance from official literary circles, and led a jealously guarded private life. Her friends remember her warm, enthusiastic commitment to poetry, her own and that of others. She enjoyed reading in public, which she did with a rigorous, cadenced rhythm which betrayed her musical background.

Fragility and an unshake able commitment character-ise her poetry. Irrespective of which language she wrote in — and at one point, early in her career, she wrote in French English and Italian — Amelia inhabited the space of Amelia inhabited the space of poetry like one who has been dispossessed and yet is not disaffected, or truly alienated. In language she sought the tension, and the sacrifice, that would allow her to express that other, deeper tension that threatened to tear her apart: the separation, dispossession, violence of total solitude which no longer belong to the poet alone but to

Coleridge, because violence and death are close by, ready to strike: "we have newly learned to sin, to sing that / is, with the hatchet behind our / shoulders but nevertheless we / sing / wildly /
before god discovers our dis-grace, quick hidden in the wings of all / falsehood, joy is an everlasting / sorrow."

Rosselli did not court death, nor did she always confront it as an internal self-destructive drive. She encountered it as a girl of seven, as something ugly and menacing, in the faceless violence of political murder, and fought it with the fury of indignation.

Her "war-like" poetry — indeed, Variazioni belliche was

the title of her first book -- is

both belligerent and bellicose in its refusal to accept the reality of violence thrust upon her: 'Let us count the numberless dead! The dance is nearly over / death, the swallow lying wounded on the ground, illness / deprivation, poverty and the devil are my charge of explosive."
Hell — be it History with a capital H, or that other private "storia" indissolubly

vate "storia" indissolubly tied to it like the wire of a detonator — is always "loomed out / with perfect hands", as poetry becomes the space where the battle is fought with immense courage, compassion and "obedience" to one's own human and poetic destiny. "Fallen on and poetic destiny. "Fallen on the line of battle" ("Caduta sulla linea di battaglia", Var-iazioni belliche) acquires in this case a polgnancy that defies rhetoric.

Amelia Rosselli, poet, born March 28, 1930; died February

Birthdays

Sir Harold Beeley, historian, Bloom, actress, 65; Frank Dunlop, theatre director. 69; The Rev Dr Leslie Griffiths, president, Methodist Confer-ence, 54: Desmond Haynes, cricketer, 40; Troy Kennedy Martin, screenwriter, 64; Jane Seymour, actress, 45; Clare Short, Labour MP, 50.

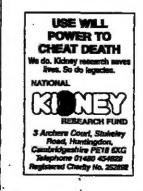
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mathematics. It is exactly right. Well better put in a bit more. Very good sir.

And when Col Slater had had his port he sent for the subaltern and said subaltern better put a bit more explo-sive in that tree... Then they all went out to see the explosion and Col. DSDSO said you will see that tree fall flat at just that angle where it will hurt no young trees and Lord Glasgow said goodness you are clever. So soon they lit the fuse and waited for the explosion and presently the tree, instead of falling quietly sideways, rose 50 feet into the air taking with it half an acre of soil and the whole of the

And the subaltern said Sir have made a mistake, it should have been seven and

Lord Glasgow was so upset he walked in dead silence back to his castle and when they came to the turn of the drive in sight of his castle what should they find but that every pane of glass in the

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From a letter by Evelyn Waugh to Laura Waugh, reprinted in the John Muir Trust Journal. The letter is published in the Oxford Book of Letters (OUP). Thanks to Tim Craven.

Who? Me?

EVERYTHING concerning the Serb republic is in my hands. I want a free society and a market economy. Our state is a democracy, and we did not commit a single crime ... This is a civil war. It is a

continuation of the second world war, and there are many things that happened that were not the policy of my command. Our policy was not ethnic cleansing or imprisoning the civilian population. The Muslims did terrible things. We had prisoners of war, but we didn't kill them . . . If the Hague was a real juridical body. I would be ready to relate to them and go there to testify, or do so on television,

issued the strongest order at the beginning of the war that my command was to stick to the Geneva Conventions. There are many others who ruined Yugoslavia. What about Alija Pugosiavia wisit about Atija Izetbegovic? [Bosnia's Muslim president] He is responsible for the beginning of the war, as was Hitler. Alija Izetbegovic has destroyed more than Hitler . . . We have discovered more than 50 mass graves of Serbs killed by Muslims around Srebrenica in 1993. There are 10 to 50 people in each of those graves. Nobody under my command would dare kill those who were arrested or captured as prisoners of war. We would appreciate any evidence [the war crimes tribunal] can submit to us. If they give us evidence, we will

try suspected criminals here.

Bosnian Serb president

Hague, interviewed in

Radovan Karadzic, indicted for war crimes by the

international tribunal in the

Old world

A MERE strike could never sever the elegant relationship between French women and convinced, as the Eurostar slid into an empty Gare du Nord that, in spite of the industrial unrest which had brought Paris to a standstill, the Bal Crillon des Débutantes would still be on. The Crillon is one of the most beautiful hotels in the world and, en fete, with lovely young women showing couture ball gowns to a glittering array of guests, it was quite a sight. The French really do dress up for this sort of evening, in a way that English women rarely bother to. Having said that, the three English girls modelling dresses by Amanda Wakely, Anouska Hempel and Vivienne Westwood showed

personified the entente cordiale... Every woman who chairs a ball committee undertakes a Herculean task, as does every mother whose daughter gets

what can be achieved, while

Emilie Jarre in Bruce Oldfield

take place within a couple of weeks would exhaust most people, but Mrs Susan

Bernerd has reserves of energy of which the rest of us can only dream, and she poured them into making the third Barnardo Ball at the Savoy better than ever. Her vice-chairman Mrs Bernard committee had also worked their socks off, while the icing on the cake was



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provided by Mr Andrew Neil, who proved an extremely effective auctioneer, managing to persuade ballgoers to bid fiercely against one another... Mr John Asprey gave a very

splendid cocktail party in Asprey's Bond Street shop, at which we had the opportunity to see some of their amazing stock...The party was full of smart people, but Mr Claus von Bulow told me that upstairs were two old bags of real quality — matching silver-embossed shoulder-high travelling cases made from Nile crocodile skin, designed to be carried on an elephant... Viscount Marchwood gave

one of his very enjoyable luncheons at Moët & Chandon's London beadquarters. They are always great fun, combining as they do an opportunity to drink a glass or two of Dom Perignon 1985 with the chance to meet interesting people, such as the comedians Mr Ronnie Corbett and Mr Jimmy Tarbuck...

Jennifer's Dlary goes on in Harper's & Queen.

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on there.
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A. No, like Genesis, I'll have to grow into that. Ed Ruscha, leader of psyche-delic rockers Maids of Gravity, interviewed in Coper. Jackdaw wants your jewels. E-mail jackdaw@guardian.co.uk; fox 017! 713 4366; Jack-

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Cosmetics stirred up as Unilever agrees deal

URMOIL in the cosmetics industry, which has seen sev-eral leading houses change hands in the past few years, continued yesterday with an agreed bid by Uni-lever to buy Helene Curtis Industries for \$770 million (£500 million).

The owner of brands such as the Salon Selectives hair-care products will add to Unilever's growing business in perfumes and other personal built up through acquisitions of Chesebrough-Pond's, Eliza-bath Arden, Fabergé and Cal-

The industry has seen unprecedented upheavals in recent years as many family houses have sold out to multivately-owned businesses have

changed ownership. Only last week the owner of America's Revion, entrepreneur Ron Perelman, anper cent of the company's Europe, who have forced shares in the market after down profit margins on such several previous attempts at partial flotation had failed. Revion was acquired by Mr

Perelman six years ago. He has been pipped by Es tee Lauder, the family-owned business which pulled off a successful share offering of 12 per cent of the company last November.

The French company L'Oreal, part-owned by Nestlé, Unilever's rival, also plunged into the takeover scene recently. At the end of last month L'Oréal beat the scene recently. At the end of last month L'Oréal beat the German company Jon A Benckiser with a bid of over \$600 million for Maybelline, the Memphis owners of East. the Memphis owner of Expert Eyes and other beauty prod-

L'Oréal itself has long been surrounded by speculation can hair-care and deodorant about its relationship with markets and this acquisition Nestlé. The Swiss company has been expected eventually to move in and take full control of its French associate. Helene Curtis represents

move the weight of its activities towards products which earn higher profit margins.

Last month Unilever agreed to pay \$570 million for Diver-

sey, the speciality chemicals unit of Molson of Canada. Last week, the group announced it was reorganising its European foods business to cut costs and boost profit margins, at a cost of £225 million, Most of the costs will hit the European foods business. Unilever, which is also strong in detergents and has a substantial business else-

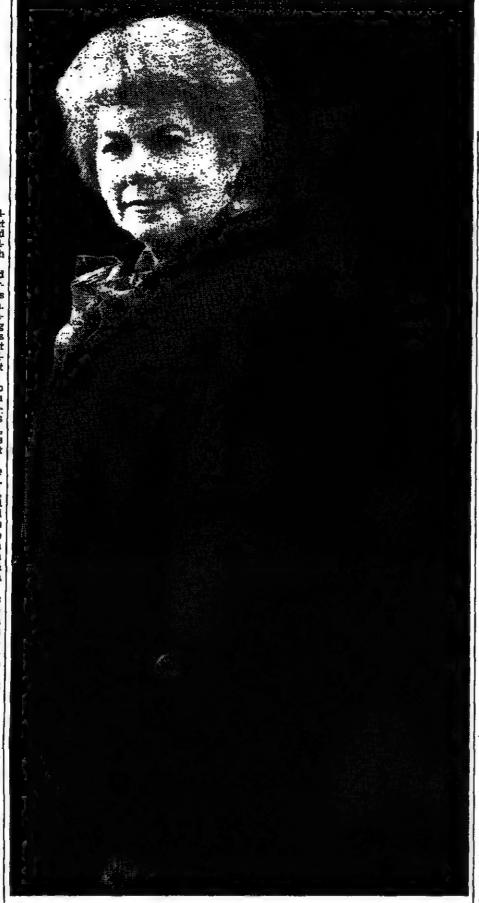
where around the world as well as Europe and the US, has about 15 per cent of its global sales in tolletries. That emounts to about \$4.8 billion. The attraction is in the greater defensiveness of highprofile personal products,

compared with run-of-the-mill detergents and packaged groceries. Even companies as large as Unilever have come under intense pressure from retailers, especially in routine products. Grocery manufacturers have found it difficult to com-

pete with retailers' own brands without cutting prices and boosting marketing bud-gets. Perfumes and other leading cosmetic brands have been less susceptible to such pressure, as well as selling at higher profit margins to start with. Helene Curtis will add sales

ada and Australia, as well as the UK.
"Helene Curtis has strong

brands in the North Ameri will improve our position, which has been under-represented in comparison with our international presence, Robert Phillips, a Unilever difust the latest in a steady rector said.



Elizabeth Forsyth yesterday. She denies handling stolen money

prospect of recovery in chemical prices and by support for their estimates of the break-

up price of the group at

around 1809. Chairman Lord Hanson

said the results were in line

with expectations following

last year's demerger of the miscellaneous US businesses

"We are ahead of last year

after adjusting for USI contri-

But that increase came only because of the contribution

from Eastern, the electricity company acquired last year. It added £75 million to group

butions", he said.

ANSON'S shares yes-terday continued to fall in the wake of its de-

merger plans after the con-glomerate disclosed that all

struggling to match last year's profit levels.

to split into four units, re-ported that first quarter pre-

tax profits had fallen by £10

The shares fell 3.25p to

180.25p, which compares with

ately after the demerger an-nouncument.

City analysis, who had

The company, which plans

its continuing busine

million to £282 million.

PolyGram

the days of

big-selling

took on the foreign ex-

The group's film division

saw its losses climb from 42

million guilders (£16.8 mil-

lion) to 68 million guilders

as films such as Nell,

French Kiss and Usual Sus-

pects failed to produce box office revenues to rival

It will be hoping for bet-

ter things from this year's releases, including Bead

Man Walking, whose stars Sean Penn and Susan Sara-don have won Oscar nomi-

those of Four Weddings.

Stolen cash 'laundered and used to boost Asil Nadir's prize bulls'

ten King

ONEY allegedly stolen by Polly Peck tycoon Asil Nadir, and laundered by his personal assistant, Elisa-beth Forsyth, was used to buy bull semen, an Old Bailey court was told yesterday.

The semen was used to "im-prove the testosterone levels" of Mr Nadir's prize bulls at Baggrave Farm, his Leicester-shire estate, the court was

mid.

The tale came as Geoffrey Robertson, Mrs Forsyth's QC, made his opening address to jurors, in which he said it was a rich irony that Mrs Forsyth, "of all the people who made their excuses and left when Polly Peck collapsed," should be on trial.

should be on trial.

Mrs. Forsyth denies two charges of handling money stolen by Mr. Nadir between October 16 and 20, 1969.

Mr Robertson said that at the time of the alleged offences, Mr Nadir was considered a god by Polly Peck's shareholders, having built

to Cyprus in 1993, had won a Queen's Award for Industry, was fawned on by the Conservative Party, to which he do-nated large sums through Polly Peck subsidiary Unipac. and had regularly attended hunches at 10 Downing Street bosted by the then Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher.

He said: "You can't begin to consider the charge against Mrs Forsyth unless you con-clude that Mr Nadir is guilty. I don't represent Asil Nadir, and no one is here to put forward his defence, which is profoundly unsatisfactory." Earlier, David Calvert-Smith, the Crown QC, told jurors that Mrs Forsyth had carried thousands of pounds in cash as she laundered some £400,000 stolen by Mr

transferred from a Polly Peck account in Geneva, where it a thoroughgoing attempt to was collected in cash by Mrs identify the risks of inflation

Most of the money was later paid to AJ Bekhor, a stock-broker owed by Mr Nadir, while the remainder was paid into the Baggrave Farm ac-

bought the company in 1993,

Mr Bonham said work was

Hanson has been affected

by several seasonal and cycli-cal factors, which have be-

come more significant for the group as it has narrowed its

tries than in the past.

continuing on the demerger but it will be some time be

fore details are worked out.

and he said other businesse

would improve.

Hanson shares continue retreat

again, putting upward price pressure on the high street. The problem for the Bank is largely anticipated the profits profits for the full year would fall, were encouraged by the prospect of recovery in chemical prices and by support for Excluding Eastern's profits, Derek Bonham said Quandemerger, was static.
Group chief executive
Derek Bonham said Quantum's performance — a drop highly satisfactory compared to its losses when Hanson

HE decision by Cellnet to intensify its investment in a digital network

Notebook

Green light for Clarke's agenda



Edited by Alex Brummer

of round two in the tussle between the Chan-cellor and the Governor of the Bank of England has been sounded with the publication of the Bank's Inflation Report. So far it has been a clean sweep for Mr Clarke, who has

been proved right in rejecting the bank's advice to raise rates last summer, and right again in cutting in December and January despite the Old Lady's opposition. We all now know that the economy grew at a pretty sickly rate in the latter half of 1995. The Chan-cellor has either been blessed with a better feel for the pulse of the economy, or with a great deal of luck.

The Bank now says the Government's target of 2.5 per cent for underlying inflation which strips out mortgage interest payments — is more likely than not to be hit in

two years' time, and that the outlook for prices is good. Indeed, in the short term, the chances are that inflation will be even more subdued than the bank's central forecontinental gloom and manufacturers run down stocks.

In a touching display of humility, the Bank acknowledges that with the benefit of hindsight it was wrong to stand against the easing of base rates from 6.5 per cent to 6.25 per cent last month. Given the Bank's change of tack, it is tempting to be sceping but misplaced. For all its bank account in London to an faults, the Inflation Report is

> over the Dext two years. The Bank's view is that if, as the Treasury expects, con-sumption picks up strongly this year and earnings begin to rise, more fuel will be added to the inflationary fire than the currently benign in-flationary environment would suggest. Moreover once the de-stocking phase ends in manufacturing the industrial side of the economy could begin to motor

tle economic argument in the Bank's latest report against further rate cuts in the immediate future — and with the election campaign already effectively underway, Clarke looks certain to take

Orange glow

Orange, Britain's only all-dig-

ital mobile network, which expects to release its path-finder prospectus by early March. Cellnet, owned by BT and Securicor. and Vodafone — which already has a public quote — are the two pioneers in the UK industry with large market shares (some 2.3 milbut have serious difficulties.

Over a period of time they need to shift suspicious consumers from analogue to digital, eliminate the middle person in the shape of service providers such as Peoples Phone, and overcome some of the consumer negatives.

Against this background Orange, which is currently putting on new subscribers faster than any of its main competitors, has a considercompetitors, has a considerable advantage. When its current owners. British Aerospace and Hutchinson Whampoa, dilute their holdings by offering the public new shares equivalent to 25 per cent of the equity. Orange will become both a FTSE-100 company and the only nure company and the only pure digital player on the London

As the newest entrant in the marketplace, Orange has been able to introduce a bun-dled tariff (which is considerably cheaper than its competitors'), target the upper schelons of the market where subscribers are expected to be more loyal, and offer direct access to digital technology which provides better voice capacity, security and oppor-tunities for data transfer.

The criticism of Orange is that it uses a digital standard that does not allow roaming, the technical name for over-

However, this will soon be that allows switching between bands overseas and the opening up of the Orange spectrum (DCS 1800) in Germany and other places Selling any company that is

much before 1998 is always going to be a difficult proposilished profitable players, althe marketplace. However, there is no reason to believe that Orange will not eventu-ally establish itself as a premium stock, to accompany mium brand.

Going coach

HE extradition of the failed property tycoon Jürgen Schneider, whose empire collapsed in 1994 under the weight of its near £2 billion debts, is being held up by a row over £1,000.

German police want Mr Schneider flown back to Germany from the United States first class — to keep him away from the press — but the state of Hesse, which will have to foot the bill, will have none of it. Economy will be quite good enough for Mr Schneider, according to the justice ministry.
Others in Germany, not

least the mighty Deutsche Bank which has to write off marks, might have wanted to put Mr Schneider on economy

Hollick and his MAI co-direc-

tors will be rolled over into

papers, the documents stated.

Both the United chairman,

company following the merg-

largest salaries in the City. At

present, Lord Hollick earns £559,000, compared with the £416,547 commanded by Lord

MAI's share price remained

steady at 422p as speculation continued that Michael

Taxpayers 'will lose £1.1bn' with DIY system

Self-assessment may prove to be bad news for some. lan Wylie reports

wided off 3

BOUT 30 million taxpayers will unwit-tingly hand over more than £5.5 billion in unnec essary tax this year and could be stung for a further fi.1 billion next year when self-assessment is intro-duced, according to a report published yesterday. Research carried out by

the analyst Mintel for Inde-pendent Financial Adviser Promotion says £6.6 billion in tax will be paid need-lessly in 1996/97, partly because of errors and misun-derstandings thrown up by the allegedly simpler The claims were dismissed by the Inland Revenue as "ridiculous".

At least 9 million people will be expected to assess their own tax liabilities for the tax year beginning April 1996. While tax of fices should pick up and correct any errors of calcu-lation, taxpayers will be responsible for claiming all

their allowances. sessment on time will result in an immediate £100 fine, a further £100 charge after a six-month delay and daily fines of £60 for continued delays. If payment is late the Revenue will impose a 5 per cent surcharge

more than 28 days, and a further 5 per cent if still unpaid after six mouths. returns with an average liability of £650 in back

sessment will save taxpay-ers up to £250 million by cutting out the need for as-sessment appeals and amendments. A spokes-woman said: "There is no evidence to support the report's assertions. Self-as-sessment in Australia cov-

Three out of four people

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Mintel's forecasts for 1996/97 have been based on the self-assessment regime in Australia. Of the 1 million people audited by the Australian Tax office since self-assessment was intro-duced eight years ago, more than 70 per cent were found to have errors in their tax

taxes and penalties. The Inland Revenue, however, says that self-as-sessment will save taxpayers all taxpayers and is not comparable to the regime being introduced here.

in the UK already pay au average of £180 in unnecessary tax, because they do not manage their tax af-fairs properly. During the current financial year. Mintel expects £1.06 billion to be wasted by 30 million taxpayers who have longterm bank or building society savings but do not hold them in TESSAs, and by more than 4 million nontaxpayers who are not registered to receive their interest gross. Up to £930 billion will be forfeited through poor inheri-tance tax planning.

hankers after golden oldies Some hits you need, others you wish you had missed. Films and records group PolyGram must be wishing it could have found a 1995 hit to match the success of Four Weddings and The hit it would rather have missed was the one it





Britain today). Polygram will also be looking for a better perfor-mance from the music div-

Its top five albums, from the likes of the Cranber ries, Bon Jovi and Janes Jackson rang up sales of 24 million copies compared with 29 million from its top five in 1995 when Sting, Boys II Men and Bon Jovi (again) led the way. The biggest problem



none of the group's four div-

isions managed to make more profit than last year. Chemi-cals, which consists of Quan-

tum and SCM, produced pro-

fit of £91 million, compared with £106 million in the first

quarter of last year. The Con-sumer business, which is pri-marily Imperial Tobacco, saw profits slide from 287 million

The Peabody coal mining operation in the US also made

less money than last year, while the contribution from

building materials and equip-

ment, which will form the

Trainspotting (releaded in | the rise in the guilder against the dollar and the In local currency terms Polygram reckons sales climbed by more than 9 per

cent but in guilder terms sales showed only a modest rise, from 8.6 billion to 8.8 The improvement at the pre-tax profits level was even more modest — rising just 0.4 percentage points to 741 million guilders.



PolyGram sellers . . . Jon Bon Jovi, the Cranberries' Dolores O'Riordain, and Janet Jackson

the possibility of a Hollywood acquisition but appears to be finding the asking prices rather steep.

Last year it lost a bidding

battle for the Samuel Goldwyn library. It has cast its eye over television programme maker Spelling Entertainment and has said it would

look at MGM. According to PolyGram's chief executive, Alain Levy: "We're not going to buy for the sake of buying."

Big payoff for United chief

Lisa Buckingham

share options of United News-RAHAM Wilson, who is resigning as manag-ing director of United Lord Stevens, and Lord Hol-lick have denied that any News & Media following its major adjustments will be needed to the top-level remuplanned merger with Lord Hollick's MAI group, is to neration systems of either receive a £588,573 payoff, it emerged yesterday. Documents related to the er even though MAI's money brokers can earn some of the

proposed merger revealed that Mr Wilson - whose role in the combined boardroom will be assumed by Lord Hollick -- was on a two-year service contract. Mr Wilson's annual salary totalled E290,000

The merger papers also revealed that the self-made socialist millionaire, Lord Hollick will be sitting on a paper profit on his share options of £3.7 million.
Following a 1p fall to 632p

in the United share price yesterday, the merger terms value MAI's shares at 404.5p and Lord Hollick has some options with an exercise price as low as 84p. The share options of Lord

Green's Carlton Communications is waiting in the wings to launch a hostile assault. City analysts say that if Mr Green, who has not to date ever mounted an aggressive bid, is to pounce he will wait for a further fall in the MAI

share price. Lord Hollick's MAI has been dismissive of the possi-

Japan plans

Inflation prospects on target

Chancellor absolved over interest rates

Unemployment tumbles

Bank gives up its hard line successor

Richard Thoma

E odds on cuts in interest rates narrowed sharply yes-terday, after the Bank of England reversed its opposition to polpbeat message on inflation. In its quarterly inflation Report, the Bank said the Government was on course to hit its 25 per cent target for price rises, despite the two quarter-point cuts in the cost of horrowing since December and admitted that its advice against the 0.35 per cent cut last month had been proved wrong by subsequent evidence of economic slow-

The Bank denied it was givng the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, carte blanche to trim

But most City analysts said another downwards move was now almost certain, in spite of yesterday's announcement of a huge — 29,300 — fall in unemployment in January. David Coleman, chief economist at the Canadian Impe rial Bank of Commerce, said: 'It would take a complete turnaround in the economy for Clarke not to cut now.

expect he'll try to get a quar ter-point off before the May local elections, and then another one later in the year."
Mervyn King, economics director of the Bank, defended
the Bank's decision to argue against January's cut. "It is easy to make policy with hindsight," he said. "If

we had known then what the final numbers were to be, our

"It is clear from the report | cent from 8.0 per cent — the that the last two interest rate cuts made by the Chancellor hitting the inflation target."

Signs that wage pressures remain subdued also brightened the outlook for prices, with the Central Statistical Office reporting that pay packets grew by 3.25 per cent over the year to January sixth months.

Wage restraint came de spite the sharp improvement The CSO's seasonally-adjusted figures showed that there were 2,205,800 people out of work and claiming benefit last month, down from 2,235,100 in December and the

That brought the propor-tion of the labour force which

first time the rate has dropped below 8 per cent

Adam Cole, of James Canel, said: "Today's labour market statistics seem to present a verttable golden scenario of falling unemployment and lit-But market reaction to the

inflation Report and the jobless data was muted, with gilts and equities virtually unchanged on the day. Dealers said some further easing of monetary policy had al-ready been factored in to prices, and stressed the de-cline in the Bank's influence over the last year.

Mr Coleman said: "What the Bank thinks is almost academic now. They've virtually admitted they got it wrong, and are being dragged kickthe pace of economic growth would pick up later this year, from building society flotations - could fuel prices and endanger the inflation target

In the short-term, however activity as export markets on the continent dry up at the competitiveness from the pound's depreciation wear off. Meanwhile, factories continne to meet orders from plentiful stocks rather than new production, damping ac-

tivity.
But the CSO said manu turers were nonetheless tak-ing on new staff — with 5,000

that productivity was falling. Between October and De ductivity was 0.6 percentage points lower than the same period a year previously.

HSBC Markets analyst Jon-athan Loynes said: "The pick owth is disappointing but should prove temporary. Unless output starts to recover soon, manufacturers will begin to shed jobs in order to restore productivity growth and that will cap the growth of wage costs." But CSO officials estimates

that the jobless total would continue to fall at between 10,000 and 15,000 a month. Long-term unemployment also fell last month, the mm ber of people out of work for a year or more declining to 816,000 in January, 111,000

The project joins together the best brains from governuniversity research. Initially it will involve heavy industry giants such as Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and shikawajima-Harima and the

Kovin Rafferty in Tokyo

team under govern-ment direction to take

world in one of the biggest hi-

century — building a bigger and faster supersonic passen

ger airliner to take over from the Anglo-French Concorde. The Japanese science and

technology agency will announce tomorrow a plan to

spend 20 billion yen (£120 mil-lion) over eight years to cre-ate an aircraft that can fly as

fast as Concorde but go twice as far, with almost three times the number of

vided by the agency itself and the ministry of international trade and industry (Miti). The aim is to create an aircraft that can fly, like Concorde, at Mach 2 and carry 300 This would be further than

The country's aim is to developing the next genera tion of supersonic transport aircraft — so that it can either go it alone or as a

Tokyo was a late starter in posed by its defeat in wartime. It has been trying to catch up in development of both civilian airliners and in space technology.

Boeing is talking to British

News in brief

cionate liability, which would have followed the United States in protecting professional partnerships such as accountants from multi-million-pound legal actions for negligence. Negligence insurance is no longer available for leading accountancy firms, some of which have sought protection for individual partners by incorporation as limited companies or by becom-

Tesco complaint upheld

wrongly made the link between salmon and seals, and unfairly discredited Tesco. — Roger Come

Higher car output likely

CAR production from British factories is expected to increase by

3.8 per cent to 1.59 million cars this year, according to revised forecasts agreed yesterday at the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders. The analysis, due for ratification and official publication next week, will predict higher output on the back of increased exports beyond Europe. Last October the industry pencilled in 1996 production at 1.55 million. - Chris Barri

Lloyds holds its Life in its hands

OUTLOOK/Lisa Buckingham on

insurance subsidiary's duplicate problems

Chairman Sir Simon Hornby admits the situation with Lloyds Abbey Life is tricky

T'S official. The newly their performance with the created Lloyds TSB bank two life operations, also ining group is stuck be- cluding Lloyds Bank Insurtween a rock and a hard ance Services, lifting their place with its majority-owned share of a market that financial services group Lioyds Abbey Life.

Figures yesterday from LAL showed that this is no small matter. Profits rose by expense disclosure. 31 per cent to £421.5 million. significantly beyond what the disposal of the group's had been expected by the loss-making German life com-

Even though a chunk of the sale of Lloyds Bow — probably the best part of £30 million — related to mortgages. And, longer term, one-off cost-cutting at its the signs for Lloyds Abbey Black Horse Financial Services unit, which raised the business, the results were impressive at a time when personal insurance is not enjoying halcyon days in terms of

Chairman, Sir Simon Hornwas quick to point out for Insurance products that all the group's major businesses had improved

provide for the old and infirm will encourage the purchase of long-term health care. So understandable scepti

cism of insurance sellers will, before long, make way in the face of the fear on which all insurers trade.
All this would have been good news for Lloyds, which

remains depressed, thanks to the appalling reputation of owns more than 60 per cent of LAL. But the merger with TSB means there is now an expense disclosure.
The outlook was helped by awful lot of duplication -TSB has its own life sales and underwriting capability which mirrors that offered by pany, Trans Leben, as well as LAL. As stock market speculation has been suggesting. Sir Simon yesterday admitted maker's portfolio of first Life are rosy. A low inflation

The issue will not necessar ily come to a head before Lloyds and TSB begin to economy theans savers in-creasingly look for investmerge their branch structure ment products that provide better than the paltry returns - and an act of Parliament is needed to do that. But the problem is understood to be available on building society accounts. Nervourness shout causing considerable consterthe erosion of state benefits is nation to Lloyds' Sir Brian Pitman and an almost equal expected to drive the demand quantity of glee to his rivals. against tragedies such as unemployment. And fears that as Roman Cizdyn at Merrill

the Government will refuse to | Lynch, the potential ways out | seem to involve inordinate for Lloyds are few and far between and even those solu tions that do appear nossible



one else have access to your

Lloyds TSB could buy in the Lloyds Bank related businesses, such as Black Horse Financial Services, and then sell or float the remainder of LAL's portfolio. But BHFS alone has an "embed-ded value" of £384 million so that such a deal would proba-bly set the bank back by £500 end with a lottery-style hand-out to the City corporate fi-nance department that is the first to devise a credible and million or more. Even then lap with operations in the TSB stable and could well

simply be shut down.
Alternatively, Lloyds TSB could contemplate spending \$1.2 billion to buy out the remaining \$7 per cent of LAL it does not already own. However, it would still face the problem of duplication. The (final obvious option would be simply to sell LAL, although, with a current stock market value of more than £3 billion and with Abbey Life having failed to find a buyer, this would be easier said than done. It also

Nokia Digital Security.
Cellphones Direct Prices! £0.99 appears to run counter to the basic rules of financial services that you never let any FREE CONNECTION TO vodafore.



ustomer database. Sir Simon admitted yester

day that discussions were al

ready taking place between

the two groups and that "lots of research" is underway.

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ances are, however, it will



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Environment Underside prize for Thorn EMI

Roger Cowe

HORN EMI yesterday won an award for its annual environmental report for the second successive year, beating National Power into second place. The awards were presented

on behalf of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants by Ed Gallagher head of the new Environment Agency. The agency takes over from the National Rivers Authority, the Pollution In spectorate and local regulators on April 1. Mr Gallagher applauded

companies producing reports on environmental impact as an important part of the democratic process". He called on companies to report tangible performance

explain how they planned to achieve improvements. More effort needs to be put in to cleaning up past horrors."

He added: "Environmental correctness is not only com-

regarded as one of the best."

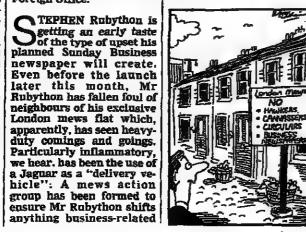
Dan Atkinson

ITH its usual brilliant timing, HM
Treasury removed
its bomb-proof net curtains some weeks ago, on the grounds that the threat of IRA attack had receded. Nobody told the terrs. A spokesman said the cur-tains, (weighted at the bottom and designed to billow in a blast) now re-hung post-bombing, were re-moved also from two other ministries, MAFF and the Foreign Office.

TEPHEN Rubython is getting an early taste of the type of upset his planned Sunday Business newspaper will create. Even before the launch later this month, Mr Rubython has fallen foul of neighbours of his exclusive London mews flat which. against clear targets, and to apparently, has seen heavyduty comings and goings. Particularly inflammatory, we hear, has been the use of a Jaguar as a "delivery vehicle": A mews action patible with business but is group has been formed to essential if a company is to be ensure Mr Rubython shifts

to the paper's offices in Cavendish Square. One neighbour moans that a controversial newspaper which might run exposés of business creates an unaceptable security risk.

T MAY not be true that all Australian retailers are called Graeme (or Graham), although the evidence of the two Graemes (Seabrook and Bowler) who have run Kwik Save in the past few years is supported by Graham Steele at Superdrug. We can confirm, how-ever, that the Superdrug boss is known within the company as "Crocodile MD".



hattle, news of an in-ternal memo at London's Evening Standard. Editor Max Hastings — an old shooting pal of Sir Rocco Forte — is understood to have informed the paper's picture desk that "Rocco does not like to be photographed wearing his glasses". The memo may have been heeded elsewhere. For Lord Hollick. the socialist peer who heads MAI, was careful to remove his own goggles at Tuesday's photocall with Warner Brothers.

SURVEY by headhunt-Acres, Robert Half & Accountemps, shows just one in 50 people think competence to do a good ob is a characteristic of a nanager", the sort of approval rating sports journalists traditionally award England football managers. staff and an understanding of employees' needs, fol-lowed by motivation, communication and leadership. One man who meets the cri-teria, according to RH&A, is Ernest Smith, managing

director of breakdown out-

fit Green Flag. Followers of

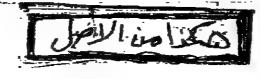
organisation reconciled to the arrival of a new manager later this year. Could this be free advice from a headhunter (surely a first)? After all, he who pays the piper calls the tune. FIER cinematic product placement comes

product displacement/

non-placement. Have a

butcher's at Seven, the top film in the UK - at least until Heat took over. Super production values, but Anne of Green Gables it ain't. A series of murders based on the seven deadly sins kicks off with greed where a grotesque is mur-dered by spaghetti dinners. What is hilarious after all those films with heavyhanded product placement -- Arnie drinking Budweiser with his Kellogg's James Bond's Omega watch is that the tins of sauce More highly rated skills in grosso's flat have a are the ability to listen to made-up lable. No Heinz or Paul Newman's Own here,

BACK to the Treasury, which, we hear, boasts of being the first ministry to have a full staff list with telephone extensions on the Internet The words "kind of sad' the association game will spring to mind.





body, and on reducing the aircraft's noise in flight. The initial target is to get a small un manned prototype off the ground by the early years of the next century, powered by aircrast using small jet engines ready by 2002 to 2004. achieve parity with the

major international partner. aerospace development, thanks to restrictions im

University of Tokyo, under government direction pro-

Airways, Lufthansa and Sin-gapore Airlines about devel-oping bigger and longer-range versions of its B-747, but a spokesman denied a report that it was about to win an advance order. He said no order was likely yet because Boeing was due to meet air-lines in April to help define the range of modern subsonic

US-style liability is ruled out for Britain

ng resident in the Channel Islands

But they also want to limit the total amount they might become liable for. The US approach leaves defendants in a negligence suit liable only for a proportion of damages, base on share of liability. The Law Commission's decision keeps open the possibility of amending company law so that auditors can contract with clients to limit their total liability. The DTI yesterday invited comments by May 14. — Roger Cowe

TESCO'S complaint against the International Fund for Animal Welfare, over the campaign group's full-page press advertise-ments making a connection between Tesco's Canadian salmon and seal culling, has been upheld by the Advertising Standards

In a personal message to Tesco chairman Sir Ian MacLaurin. Who had previously cone on record against seal culling, the adver proclaimed: "Every tin of salmon sold is another blow, Sir Ian." The ASA said that the advert was personally offensive to Sir Ian.

Mr Mulligan glints gold but first the Sun Alliance

Chris Hawkins

R MULLIGAN was quoted as low as 14-1 by Ladbrokes for next year's Cheltenham Gold Cup after pulverising his opponents in the Reynoldstown Chase at

Ascot yesterday.

He is a best priced 2-1 for next month's Sun Alliance Chase and so thorough was his depulition in the base and so the cough was his depulition. his demolition job that it is hard to see any of those behind him yesterday reversing the form. Richard Johnson jumped

Mr Mulligan off in front and the loping gelding was soon in total command, moving at a deceptively easy but devastat-

One after one his pursuers came off the bit and either blundered or fell, so that three from home it was all over bar a disaster. Mr Mulligan had brushed through one or two fences, but was safe enough over the but was safe enough over the final few and had 15 lengths to spare over Nahthen Lad as he passed the post.

"He's so good I daren't 1987 and, despite his victories." final few and had 15 lengths to spare over Nahthen Lad as he

"His next gallop will be at Cheltenham — he doesn't need much work and he doesn't do any schooling. In fact, I hate schooling horses because sooner or later they're going to make a

mistake.

"He gave everything weight today and, in theory, it should be easier for him at Cheltenham, but no horse has won the Reynoldstown and the Sun Alliance since Killiney in 1973. 1973, so I'm keeping my fingers crossed."

Chance came over from Ire-land in the summer to train at Upper Lambourn for Mr Mulligan's owner, Martin Worcester, and has 14 horses but, as he emphasised, 12 empty boxes.

Perseverence paid off when Mole Board, at the age of 14, won his first race for three years in the Levy Board Hurdle.

work anything with him at home — he just kills them." there is great affection for said his trainer, Noel Chance. "His next gallop will be at Much of this is no doubt be-

cause of his equally resilient trainer, Jim Old, for whom 40 ness would seem like a picnic. Old has kept battling through all sorts of adversity and with Mole Board (Stayers

and with Mole Board (Stayers Hurdle) and Collier Bay (Champion Hurdle) he is going to Cheltenham with more than a vestige of hope.

Mole Board was the first leg of a double for Jamie Osborne, who went on to score that the little board of Society. on the 10-1 chance Seekin Cash in the Shenley Enterprises Hurdle, but an after-noon of elation for the jockey was brought to a shuddering end when Coulton gave him a

crashing fall in the Comet Chase. Chase.

Osborne was taken to Wexham Park Hospital, Slough, in a semi-conscious state after initially being knocked out. He was detained overnight and will be stood down for a mandatory three weeks, but should be back in time for Cheltenham.

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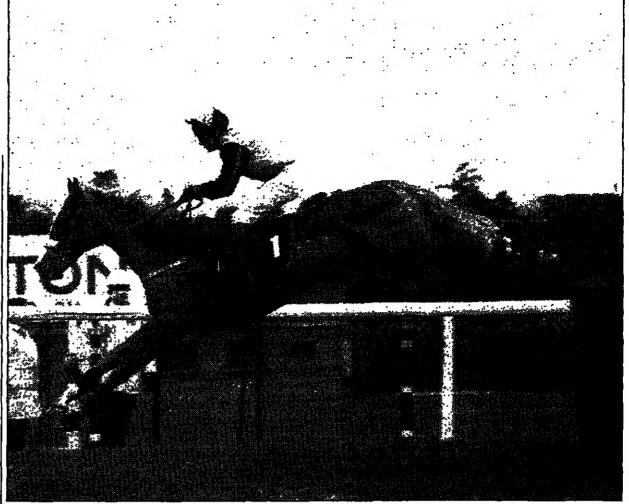
ley a revision of riding plans for Alderbrook in next week's Kingwell Hurdle at Wincan-ton. Osborne schooled Alderbrook on Sunday with a view to taking the ride on the looks as if Graham Bradley is

As regards the Champton Hurdle, Bailey expects and hopes that Norman William-

Sound Man shored up his position as favourite for the Queen Mother Champion Chase, being generally on offer at 7-4, when winning the

Coulton's departure at the 12th helped clear his path, but he was always cantering in the hands of Richard Dunwoody and has now won five in a row this season.

Tennessee Twist(3.15) is napped in the Everdon Nov-ices Surdle. This half-brother to Royal Athlete will be well suited by this return to three miles, having been outpaced



Touch down . . . Mr Mulligan on his way to victory in yesterday's Reynoldstown Chase

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Innocents abroad on hooligan blacklists

Martin Thorpe

SUPPORTERS are being placed on international police hooligan blacklists even though they are innocent of any offence. As a result some have al-ready been jailed and deported from countries they were visiting to support their team. Other fans fear this will happen next time they go abroad.

e revelations are con tained in tonight's On The Line programme on Radio Five Live which examines the experiences of 123 Leeds fans in the Netherlands for last November's game with PSV Eindhoven and of two Wales fans who, four years ago, discovered their names on a list held by Brussels police.

It is common practice for the name of any British fan arrested abroad on their way to, or at, a match to be tered on to a computer list, information which is exchanged with other countries. The policy is not to circulate the names of people accused only of trivial offences. But it does not always work out like that.

The Leeds fans, on a package trip and in possession of match tickets, were arrested by Dutch police in **Eindhoven for not carrying** their passports. They were handcuffed, kept in freezing cells overnight and de-ported the next day without charge. They were not allowed to retrieve their be-longings or the cars some had brought on the ferry. The passport law had

been recently introduced by the Dutch and the fans, who had left their pass-ports in their hotels for safe-keeping, were unaware of it.

But all 123 names are now on the Dutch hooligan list. Lex Weiss, who runs the Dutch Centre for Information on Football Vandal-ism, says: "All people ar-rested at a football match here are registered in our database." It is believed the names of British fans detained abroad are passed on to the National Criminal Intelligence Service (NCIS).

Andy Peterson, one of the Leeds fans, said: "We were never charged. To find my Leeds fans, said: "We were the BBC, celebrated his never charged. To find my name down as a potential 60th birthday. troublemaker and possibly barred from entering other European countries is very

disturbing."
In November 1990 Gwylem Boore and his brother Rhys, on their way to see Wales play in Luxembourg, were taken off a train because of a fight which had nothing to do with them. Their baggage was searched and they were photographed before being allowed to travel on,

Two years later they were at Brussels station where they chose to go through a voluntary identity check. "I saw the police had a list," says Gwylem, "and I saw my name and my brother's on it." Rbys was then taken to Brussels police station. "He was told that he had been arrested because his name was on a list sent by the English au-thorities," says Gwylem.

Their entry on the list said they had been stopped following violent incidents on a train. This was true, but incorrectly suggested they were involved. The idea of being innocent until proven guilty is reversed," says Gwylem.

Following pressure from the civil rights group Lib-erty and the European Commission, the Boores' names have been removed from the NCIS list. However nobody knows on what other lists they remain.

Bonetti and Laws reunited

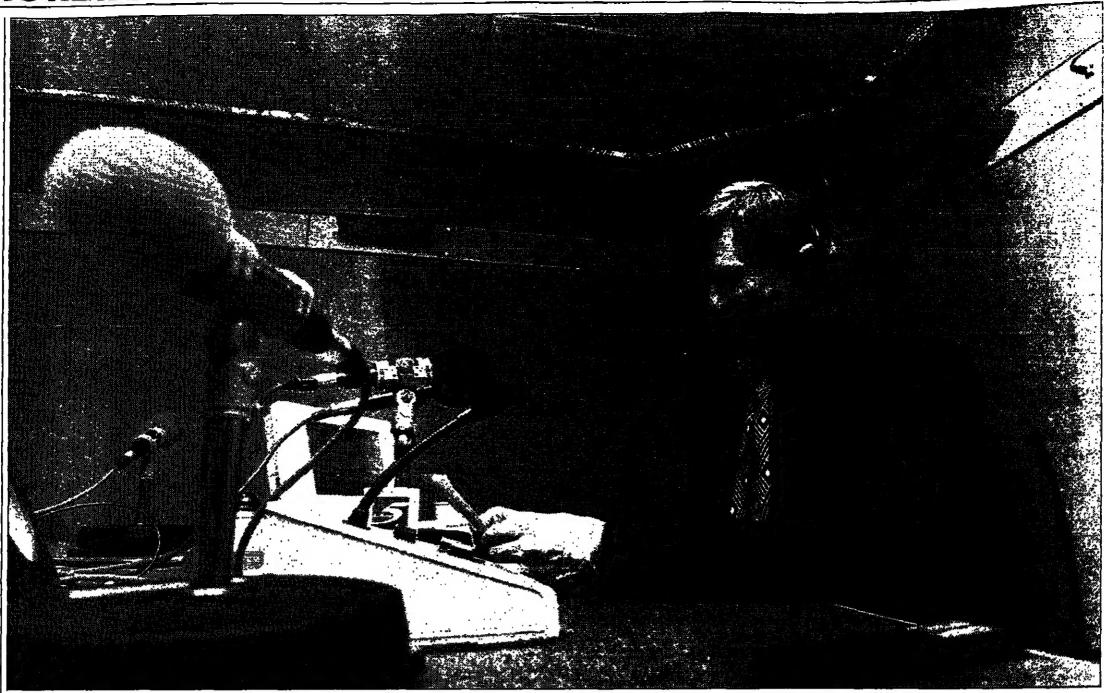
IVANO BONETTI and Brian Laws last night publicly buried their differences before Grimsby Town's FA Cup tie with West Ham United. The Italian midfielder, who

spent part of the week in hospital after reportedly being struck by his manager, has accepted an apology and will stay with the club. The news was delivered over the public address system to huge cheers at Blundell Park. The club say that the matter is

Norwich's manager Gary Megson has been found guilty of a Football Association dis-

repute charge.
Megson, 36, was fined £1,000 and warned about his future conduct by the FA disciplin-Year's Day incident during a Andy Clarke, Jon Goodman League match at Derby. League match at Derby. The charge followed Meg-

son's remarks to the Stoke referee Jim Rushton in the Baseball Ground players' tun-



One in a thousand . . . business as usual for James Alexander Gordon as he reads the classified football results on Sports Report

The unflappable master of classified information

John Duncan on James Alexander Gordon, who reads the scores on Sports Report

OST love affairs | 'Right you're doing the foot- | of the treble chance, a voice | James Alexander Gordon's began with the words Arsenal 0, Cardiff City 0, when, on August 18 1973, the classic voice of the classified football results was heard for the first time on BBC radio's Sports Report. Last Saturday Jag, as

ball results.' Anyway I took a whole load of results back home with me and worked on getting the sound right. I tried to think of the people who were listening and eventually I got this image of an old bloke checking his coupon. and I thought yes, that's it." Jag's excited voice, boyish

enthusiasm and the smothering warmth of his content-ment with life contrast sharply to his firm, slightly

from the old school that perfectly suits the cheerful Empire signature tune the programme has had since 1948. Alexander Gordon pioneered the lyrical up-and-down intonation that tells you in cadences what his voice has not yet put into words. Arsenal 1 (two notes the same, third higher, slightly hopeful, not bad, you got a goal Arsenal, don't be too glum), Chelsea (slightly sur-

ending with delighted last syl-lable, this is an away win after all, well done Chelsea) 2. Alexander Gordon's life has een as up, down and difficult to negotiate as any of his own classified tongue twisters. Born in 1936 in Edinburgh, he contracted polio at three months. "I was in and out of hospital to the age of 15, so I had no formal education but I read all the time. My dad used to give me books and I once read the whole of the Encyclo-

to work on his speech, which had also been affected. "Me and my dad used to joke about it. People would say 'What's he going to do?' and I would szy in this odd voice Tm gonna be a newsreader. My dad set up a microphone on the radio during the war and I used to go under the table and make up commentaries on events and football matches and interviews. They all thought I was loopy. But when I was first on radio my
mum said she found my dad
in the bedroom crying. She
asked him why and he said.
The little bugger's done it.' It
was the only time I ever heard of him showing smo tion like that."

A youngish Alexander Gor came down to London in the Sixties to work as a rep in the music business and quickly found himself in the

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION First Division: Wimbledon (), Swindon 3 Postponed: Ipswich v Chariton, Second

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Athletics

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back brace as a child he had | he said to me. Hey man, do | was reading the results. I carto work on his speech, which | you smoke grass? Well, I was | ried on but started pointing to had also been affected. "Me | pretty naive and I hadn't ever | my headphones. He fiddled and my dad used to joke about | heard of it, so I just said, 'No, | with some knobs and all of a to laugh and ask me if I had any Condor on me.'

One day in 1972, having recorded a small voice piece for a religious television programme he was in a pub near Broadcasting House when a man heard him talking, came over and asked him if he had been on television the night before. It was Kingsbury, who had been told to get some Scottish voices among the BBC's presenters. A week's trial and Alexander Gordon was in. A year later came his break on Sports Report.

Since then he has carved a reputation as one of the most unflappable broadcasters in should tell you this, but started composing music."

bomb off next to me and I From the classified res Denmark Street thick of wouldn't bat an eyelid. One

sudden I've got Beethoven's Fifth in there. I had every radio channel on the earth at some point during that five minutes but, when I listened to it later, you woukin't have He didn't even flinch when

a BBC messenger with whom he jointly did the pools the studio indicating that they had eight draws before Jag had finished the broad cast. Dividends, sadly, were low that week. Two questions are inevita-

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ble. Who does he support himself (Falkirk) and what does he do for the rest of the week? "I don't know whether I should tell you this, but I've

to a classical score, from 'I just came in one day and severe radio persona. On the prised, a huge but unspoken paedia Britannica because I swinging London. "Jimi Hentonia it is a voice with prised, a huge but unspoken paedia Britannica because I drix came into the office once dentally played rock music Johann Sebastian Rach 0, a well as leg irons and a looking for someone else and through my headphones as I James Alexander Gordon I.

Atkinson looks to plug the gaps Results

ON ATKINSON, the big-spending Coventry City manager, was yes terday talking to Crewe's Northern Ireland defender Neil Lennon with a view to a £750,000 move to the Premiership club.

Atkinson, who has been looking to strengthen his relegation-threatened squad recently, made his move after the two clubs' chairmen agreed a fee once Crewe were knocked out of the FA Cup by Southampton on Tuesday. The Crewe manager Dario Gradi said: "He is ready for the Premiership. In fact I am

surprised no one has come in for Neil before."

Lennon, aged 24, made a life wants to I'm not pushsingle appearance for Manchester City when he was 17
but joined Crewe on a free transfer in August 1990. He City for the striker Steve has since played more than Claridge, whose talks over a 100 league games for the new contract at St Andrews Cheshire side.

Tuesday, fewer than attended a Third Division game at

"It was such a disappoint-

ing turn-out," said Kinnear.
"That is why we have to sell

every year."
Juninho will miss Middles-

brough's next three Premier-

ship games — against Bolton. Coventry and Everton — be-

cause he is required to play

for Brazil in the South Ameri-

have broken down. Fry Atkinson is also considering a £1 million-deal for the Birmingham City midfielder Paul Tait, who has been contracts since he arrived

allowed to link up with the here just over two years ago."

Highfield Road club to train

Barnsley have rejected a Barnsley have rejected a £300,000 bid from Hudders-

ager Brian Horton at Hull and had stints with Middlesing Barnsley in November 1993, scored a hat-trick against Huddersfield in the League Cup earlier this

SYRASE OPEN (San Jose): Pirst remade is Chang (US) bt G Stafford (SA) 6-3, 5-2; is Philippounds (Als) bt S Styen (US) 6-3, 6-3; V Spedies (US) bt S Styven (NZ) 6-1 ret L Recox (Fr) bt A O'Brien (US) 3-6, 6-3, 6-2. West Ham's unsettled Dutch striker Marco Boogers, and turn out for the reserves.

The Birmingham City manager Barry Fry said: "Tait is part of my future plans but I don't think he's fully fit yet after a knee injury; we've told him to speak to Ron Atkinson

Tarisley have rejected a west rain surjection and turne tries and E300,000 bid from Huddersfield Town for Andy Payton, who has scored 14 times this part of my future plans but I don't think he's fully fit yet after a knee injury; we've told him to speak to Ron Atkinson way we will let our leading of the season. 6-5, 5-2.

MARSENLLE OPERS First russish 8 Sinisso [Fr] bt C Rund (Nor) 7-6, 3-6, 6-4; H
Braskrassis (Ger) bt M Strass (Ger) 6-3,
6-4; J Hisseski (Switz) bt A Chesnolov
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4 Volume (Rom) bt D Vacek (Cz) 6-7, 6-2,
6-4; S Desected (Cz) bt Y Kafvinikov (Rus)
6-4, 5-4.

Wimbledon and Ipswich Town look forward to the fifth round of the FA Cup

Kinnear's dropped hint

DEAN HOLDSWORTH was responding to what managers call a "gee-up" when he rampled all over Middlesbrough's Cup hopes on Tuesday night.

The Wimbled on Tuesday, fewer than attended

The Wimbledon striker was told his place was in danger before the fourth-round replay at Selhurst Park. He then ended a six-match goalless run in the 73rd minute of the game, when he knocked in Jason Euell's cross at the far post.

It was his 13th goal of the season and enough to put Wimbledon into the fifth round for the first time in six can Olympic qualifying it out of their own half when years. They play at Hudders tournament. field on Saturday.
"I told Deano he needed to

ward places," said the Wimbledon manager Joe Kinnear. "He did nothing against Sheffield Wednesday last week, when I took him off. I reminded him he needed to of succe sharpen up a bit."

Kinnear played three strikers against Boro — Holdsworth, Efan Ekoku and Marcus Gayle — and has others challenging for places and the promising Euell. "Yes, we're in trouble," our be "Maybe Jason deserves to be in on a regular basis," said admitted, "The lads have got The Kinnear.

Holdsworth has been cov- and make sure they pull the eted by several clubs - Ever. | season around."

Holdsworth kick-started by Portman brotherhood put their faith in the prowess of Mason

DAUL MASON will be brushing off his shooting boots and hoping that they can continue to inspire Ipswich's run with a victory against the formidable Aston Villa on Setzelar.

Saturday. The 32-year-old midfielder, who put an equally imposing Blackburn side out of the competition with the only goal in their third-round replay at Ewood, pounced again with a devastating strike to see off Walsall on Tuesday night.

The visitors had not made

Milton's brilliant sixth-min-ute through-ball bisected tournament.
Middlesbrough are other-"I told Deano he needed to do a bit more, especially with than they have been for a little while. With Craig Hignett, markers to bury the ball in who played five minutes as a | the bottom corner of the net. substitute against Wimbledon, back again, the midfield manager George Burley, a could resume the shape it full-back in the side who took during Boro's early run defeated Arsenal 1-0 in the 1978 final, looking forward

to testing the mettle of his side against the Premier-But the season has since taken a dramatic turn for the worse. Middlesbrough have lost their last seven Premiership games — and 10 of their last 13 games overall Maybe a greeup is called for.

"You work to trouble" our best just to give them a

to believe in themselves again

but it didn't come." The Walsall manager Chris Nicholl confirmed that his Second Division side were second best on the night. We made a good attempt at it but we were

not quite up to their stan-dard," he said. "We played some good stuff but could not afford to sturbur could not allore up lose an early goal. It was no disgrace and I was pleased with our effort and discipline." Mason's goal was his

ninth of the season but he remains unsettled at Portman Road and is still looking for a move nearer his native Merseyside. The First Division team remained on top for the ma-

jority of the game and only some weak finishing by Scowcroft and Marshall prevented them from adding to the lead. Walsall's two clearest

chances fell in the space of three minutes to their The fact that none of his He sliced well wide in the other players had got on the 85th minute, then overran scoresheet against Walsall | the ball with only the keep-did not unduly perturb him. | er Wright to beat.

CHURCHELL INSURANCE WORLD IN-DOOR CHAMPIOWSHIPS (Preston): Slegiess First resent & Senith (Eng) bt S Rankin (Sot) 7-4, 7-2, 7-3, 1 Taylor (Aus) bt L. Nixon (Jersey) 2-7, 7-5, 3-7, 7-4, 7-2; I Bond (Eng) bt Schuback (Aus) 4-7, 7-3, 1-7, 7-3, 7-4,

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ice Hockey MMLr Detroit 9, Los Angeles 4; St Louis 3, Tampa Bay 2, Washington 3, Calgary 2; Vancouver 6, Whylipeg 4.

bt M Petchey (GB) 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

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hous (Japan) 6-4, 6-3; K Sabbata (Japan)
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(GB) by M Geiger (LS) 6-4; 6-7; 7-5; D
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Freestyle Skiing

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(Fr) 21.17; 9, C Bodriner (Switz) 20.67, 10, P
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5, Karhu 524, 6, Cattelin 436, 7, L Dymchemic (Flus) 420, 8, T Bradley (Carl) 396,
9, E Kozhevridova (Flus) 392, 10, K

Athletics

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Cricket

UAE irate at new cup rules

NGLAND's next World Cup opponents yesterday declared themselves to be "just babes" in need of all the help they can get, but unfortu-nately for Mike Atherton's embattled men the United Arab Emirates were not exactly running up the white flag before a ball is bowled in Sunday's match in Peshawar. Rather, UAE officials were up in arms at the stricter

player-residency rules which the International Cricket Council will introduce after this World Cup, which will probably end the Emirates' chances of playing in future tournaments and, the officials say, will badly hit the game's development in the Guif. The incoming rule that a

team must include at least seven citizens, who normally live in the country they repre-sent for 240 days for each of five years, would certainly have prevented the UAE making their World Cup debut today against South Africa in Rawalpindi. They have just two nationals in their 14-man

squad.

The rest are Indians, Pakistanis and Sri Lankans who have gone to work in the oil-rich Gulf in recent years. The Emirates board's chief co-ordinator Vikram Kaul said: "The history of cricket shows that the sport was in-

shows that the sport was in-troduced to many parts of the world by expatriate players. We have only been playing seriously for the last 15 years. We need more time to encour-age local cricketers to come through — at least 10 years. "We are struggling to de-

velop in our country. We are Bruce Reid has announced his retirement from the firsttralia seamer, 33 next month, pulled out of Western Australia's current Sheffield Shield game against Queensland with a side strain, apparently the final setback in a career plagued by back and shoulder problems and repeated

Surgery.
The rangy left-armer played 29 Tests between 1985 and 1993, taking 113 wickets at an average of 24.63, including two 10-wicket hauls. In his 96 first-class matches he took 350 wickets at 26.64.



Modahl sues **BAF** for £500,000

Stephen Bierley

IANE MODAHL, who failed a drug test at a meeting in June 1994 but was cleared by an independent appeal panel last August, yester-day issued a writ against the British Athletic Federation to claim compensation estimated at more than £500,000.

"What I have been put through has not only caused great emotional stress. I now face financial ruin," Modahl

immediately by saying it would vigorously defend any action taken against it. "We feel that we have handled with care and with regard to our rules and laws what has been a very difficult case for us, in as much as the test did not take place in Britain," said Tony Ward, the federation's spok

He added that the federation was not empowered to grant compensation. It will dahl tested positive in Lisbon, it was obliged to act in accordance with the rules of the International Amateur Athletic

Federation.
"We had no alternative," said Ward. "A whole chain of events was set in motion under the rules and regulations of the IAAF and BAF." In a statement Modahl, who won a Commonwealth 800 metres gold medal in New Zealand in 1990, and who was fourth at the same event in the 1993 world championships in Stuttgart, said that, al-though the federation had accepted her innocence, "they believe they are under no obleation to compensate me".

She added: "I feel I have been betrayed by the very organisation I have served and supported for many years as a top British athlete. I had to fight every inch of the way to establish my innocence.

Tony Morton-Hooper, Modahl's solicitor, said that the damages she was claiming were made up of the legal fees for fighting her case and the cost of the experts.

"She also lost her sponsor-ship during the period of sus-pension, and her general loss of income. If she had had a good season, and we will be producing evidence as to what we think her perfor-

what we think her performances might have been, she might have done quite well.

"We are talking about a substantial six-figure sum. This is not a libel action—it's a claim for breach of con-BAF. She is merely seeking compensatory damages."

He said that after Modahl had established her innocence last year they asked the BAF to make a contribution to her costs, but it refused. "We also wrote to them before serving the writ to ask them to make some proposals, and they again refused — so we had no liternative but to sue."

The IAAF, while confirming that Modahl was free to compete, has yet to finalise any ruling. After the BAF ap-peal panel had cleared Modahl of drug abuse the IAAF referred the case to arbitra tion on the grounds that the BAF panel "misdirected itself or otherwise reached an erro neous decision

This month the IAAF doping commission recommended that the case be referred back to the IAAF council, which meets next month.

Rugby League

Nines mean no rest for Wigan

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lenge Cup put further demands on their players yes-terday just when they may have expected a break as the club start the build-up to the summer's Super League.

Having lost 16 players to in-ternational call-ups during the World Cup in October. Wigan yesterday had nine more called up for interna-tional duty for the World Super League Nines in Fiji on February 22-24, six of them by England.

One of the England call-ups was the Wigan winger Rob Sniyth, who celebrates his 19th birthday on the first day of the tournament, but Martin Offiah and Jason Robinson withdrew citing niggling injuries, as did Kelvin Skerrett from the Wales squad. Wigan's other England selections are Kris Radlinski, Gary Connolly, Simon Haughton, Mick Cassidy and Andy Farrell.

Keighley Cougars will sup-ply the hooker Phil Cantillon and the loose-forward Martin Wood while the former Wigan back-row forward Denis Betts, now with Auckland Warriors, is captain.

Wales, likewise denied free dom of choice, also called up two Keighley players, the cen-IGAN's early distre Jason Critchley and the missal from the Chalback-row forward Gareth Cochrane as well as the 21-year-old John Donno, who has just joined Widnes from the Warrington amateur club Woolston.

The Welsh manger Clive Griffiths said: "This is the best team we can field taking into consideration the num ber of players who have retired or left rugby league after the World Cup and those who are with clubs still in the

Cup."
Scotland have selected four rugby union players: Chris Simmers and Nick Mardon from Edinburgh Districts Watsonians' Graham Thomp son and Dundee University

Scott Gillmore. Ireland have called up James Lowes, the Bradford Bulls hooker, in place of the injured Oldham captain Mar-

tin Crompton. Wakefield Trinity, mean-while, have signed Western Samoa's international rugby union winger Lino Foai on a two-year contract.

He played on the opposite Counties, the New Zealand provincial team.

Sport in brief

Sailing

Samantha Brewster has endured a difficult passage across the Southern Ocean in the 67ft Heath Insured, writes Bob Fisher. The solo yachtswoman, aiming to break Mike Golding's 161-day record, encountered a severe storm 23 days out from Cape Horn.
Fierce weather conditions
with more than 50 knots of wind led to two breakdowns.

causing her some difficult and dangerous deckwork. The staysail (small headstill sheet broke and pulled the other sheet off the winch," she said in a signal to her Southampton base. "It broke the knot and flogged

itself to death." Brewster had to go forward to stow the sail, avoiding the sheet, which could easily have flicked her overboard. "I have managed to furl it," she continued, "but it is ripped."

A broken attachment of mainsail to mast gave Brewster her next problem, workmg on deck in flying spray with a wind-chill factor equivalent to minus 20C.

Cricket

The Victoria opener Matthew Ellion struck an entertaining, unheaten 144 to become the score 1,000 first-class runs this season. The aggressive left-hander, who has made left-hander, who has made left-hander at an average of played that well."

77.77, steered Victoria to reply to South Australia's 309 all out at the close of the econd day in Melbourne.

Tennis

Claire Taylor and Mandy Wainwright reached the quarter-finals of the LTA women's satellite in Sheffield yesterday. Taylor followed up her victory over the second seed Vera Zhukovets by beating Zimbabwe's Cara Black 2-6, 6-2, 6-0. Wainwright needed 2½ hours to see off Meredith Geiger 6-4, 5-7, 7-5. The top seed Olga Ivanova also fell, by 6-1, 6-1 to Austra-lia's Melissa Beadman.

Hockey

The international federation has set up a five-member committee to investigate claims that the India v Malaysia match at last month's Olympic qualifying tournament in Barcelona was fixed. It will meet in Brussels on March 2 and announce its decision the following day.

Bowls

Ian Bond, a 22-year-old from Devon, twice recovered single-set deficits to knock the former champion lan Schuback out of the Churchill insurance World Indoor



Redpath lives out No.9 dream

Gordon Lyle on the big wee guy known as Basil, who holds the recipe for success against Wales in Cardiff this Saturday

Redpath, the 5ft 7in Scotland scrum-half, is walking tall. While most would assume

it is pressure applied by three other capped Scottish No. 9s — Gary Armstrong, Detrick
Patterson and Andy Nicol —
that keeps Redpath turning
on the style going into Saturday's match with Wales in
Cardiff, one player thinks

differently.
Craig Redpath, Bryan's older brother and a Melrose team-mate, says: "All through his life Basil [the nickname comes from Mr Brush, the puppet who was a boyhood herol has been told he wasn't big enough. That's really that spurs him on. "Despite his size Basil has

always been a big wee guy in a funny sort of way. I'll never forget seeing Basil and Derek Turnbull [the former Scotland flanker who stands oft 4in) being lectured by the ref for squaring up to each other in the first full game we played together for Melrose in the company of our older

HIGH-SPEED collision

Aduring a training run for the women's down-

hill event put a Russian skier and an American race official in hospital yester-

day as the row grew over whether the Sierra Nevada

world championship course

fered a broken leg when she crashed into the Interna-

tional Ski Federation offi-cial Harald Schoenhaar

fter hurtling over the

Geronimo jump on the

can official, who also had a

leg broken and was with a colleague, was under the impression that the train-

ing runs had been

is too fast for safety. Tatiana Lebedeva suf-

Skiina

was Turnbull high tackling me in what I'm convinced was an accident. Suddenly Bryan leapt to my defence. That's the sort of guy he really is — the smallest but the strongest of us Redpaths." This season Bryan, 24, cap-tained Melrose to the Scottish

championship helped by Andrew, 29, throwing his weight around in the backrow. Craig, 26, is slowly recovering from knee-ligament damage having spent the past year out with injury. A former Scotland Under-16 cricket cap. Bryan was lacking in confidence, according to Craig, until he spent a season playing in Taranaki, New Zealand, a few years ago. That

experience was the spring-board to the first two of his 17

aps. Crais, who sat on the bench for Scotland during the 1990 victory over England, the Grand Slam decider, but has got no closer to a cap, says: "Bryan never lacked natural ability. But everybody said he

was too wee." Bryan played for the club

Crash clouds world event

lutely no excuse for what happened today [and] FIS takes full responsibility,"

said its general secretary

Gianfranco Kasper. "It was a complete idiocy on the part of one of our officials."

The FIS is already being

sued for "negligent killing over the death of Austria"

former world champion Ul-rike Maier, who crashed at

a World Cup race in Gar-misch two years ago.

Although the Sierra Ne-vada downhill is not a diffi-

cult course technically, it is

one of the fastest in the

world because the racers can glide down the piste at high speeds. The FIS orga-

Their error could involve | nisers yesterday urged

the federation in another Greece and Taiwan to "be court case. "There is absoresponsible" and withdraw

"What prompted the lecture | side Te Awamutu in Taranaki where his sister was living, having married into the Crowley family who produced the All Black full-back

> Craig adds: "New Zealand was the start of everything for Bryan rugby-wise. He came back with a different attitude and a good bit stronger. There was no stopping him but even I'm amazed at where he's at now — really focused.

he wants and he's going for it. His goal is to keep proving everybody wrong and his dream is to be the best in the world." Determined he may be but

Bryan is already the world No. 1 when it comes to mod-esty. "You obviously need a wee bit of luck and both Gary and Andy have had bad injuries, while Derrick played well against the Springboks, even if the team didn't, in the match immediately before I got in this time." It was not luck though that

gave him a major assist in made it to the Scotland bench: both of Mike Dods's tries I could do that," Bryan ac-

inexperienced competitors from Saturday's men's downhill race because it

may be too dangerous.
On Tuesday the federation had backed down in the face of protests by nine

of the minor skiing nations

when it sought to ban less

experienced men from the

slower super-giant slalom race. In the event the

racers, from the likes of Cy-prus. Senegal and Brazil, competed without mishap.

One expert evewitness to

yesterday's collision paid tribute to the 22-year-old Russian's skill in twisting to avoid full impact on Schoenhaar. "She was

against France and helped set up Kevin McKenzie's against Ireland with one of the raking kicks that are as much his hallmark as a long spin-pass.
"I'm the first to admit I've

taken a lot of encouragement from the selectors continuing to make me No. 1," Bryan says. "But I think they were lenient to the team in general after the A defeat in Italy a few weeks ago.
"I was grateful to get my

first two caps as a temporary replacement and would have had a hat-trick if Andy Nicol hadn't been injured right on the final whistle in Cardiff "Bryan's commitment is two years ago because you unbelievable. He knows what never know what the future

"But at the moment I'm I really being beloed by the forwards. It would be a different story if we were being hammered up front.

"It's also good having somebody like Roy Laidlaw, the former Scotland and Lions scrum-half, around. Roy is on the SRU staff and keeps an eye on my technique. Redpath acknowledges

debt to his big brother. "I did get a little bit of extra determination from Craig and I remember thinking when he made it to the Scotland bench:

knowledges. Of course, if Scotland were to win in Wales another Grand Slam would loom with the Redpath family playing their part. But Bryan, naturally, will not look bewill have nothing to lose and it'll be especially difficult

down there," he says. "I've played against their scrum-half Robert Howley when Scotland Under-21s went down 28-19 at Stirling four years ago. He's a strong runner who is low to the ground and difficult to bring down. Here's hoping that ac-count can be squared." He adds: "For Scotland to

be written off by some papers the way we were was a bit and I believe we can compete degrading. Maybe the players | effectively in that department brought it u on themselves with two bad results going into the Five Nations. "But I just like to get on with people and don't like to

get too overawed. After any match is over I like to make sure I shake hands with my opponent, no matter what." This summer he will surely return to New Zealand with

Scotland and meet his makers. "It's a big thing to go one better than a brother," Craig says. "Hopefully Bryan can keep on doing his stuff in the next two Scotland games"

Rugby Union

Taylor made to foil Scots

Robert Armstrong

HE unmistakable SOS that England's manager Jack Rowell has sent out to Dean Richards will strike a sympathetic chord with Hemi Taylor as the Wales No. 8 tries to bring Scotland's back row to a grinding halt at Car-diff Arms Park on Saturday. Like England, who visit Murrayfield on March 2,

Wales have given priority to the task of destroying Scot-tish momentum and thereby ending their bopes of a Grand

However, while Richards has been shunted to and fro by the England selectors, Wales have had the sense to keep faith with the New Zea-land-born Taylor since the start of last year's World Cup. The Wales coach Kevin Bowring has reacted without panic to the defeat by Eng-land by giving his players a block vote of confidence that they are eager to repay with interest at Scotland's

expense.
"We held the England forwards but we did no more than that and we know we'll have to step up a gear against Scotland," said Taylor, who played in Wales's thumping defeat at Murrayfield last

'We regard the Scottish back row as crucial to their for that reason we'll have to do everything we can to deny them the ball. Scotland have some big players in the back row who like to run off the

"We must not allow them to dominate the scrums or to and counter-attack from their own 22. We'll have to attack the scrums more than we did against England, win at least as much line-out ball and force the Scots into making

mistakes around the fringes."
England's line-out prob-lems have contributed to their failure to develop the flexible 15-man game the Scots and the Welsh are hoping to impose on each other. However, Taylor is confident that Wales's locks Jones and Liewellyn will devise quick-witted solutions to cope with Scotland's line-out variations.

"We managed to disrupt the England line-out successfully against the Scots. Taylor. "At the scrums I don't see our back row hanging out, looking to make big superstar runs."

Scotland's fast rucking game, which dispatched fre-land and France, has prompted a great deal of video analysis by the Welsh squad and coaching staff. "When you watch the videos it's clear that the Scots want to run the ball just like the French do whenever they get the chance," explained

Taylor.
"The Scottish back row have something of a hit-and-run attitude and we'll be conscious of the need to make some big tackles, which I think we have the confidence to do as often as it takes. Their fly-half Gregor Townsend often pulls two defenders on to him due to his line of running and the unpredictable way he plays keeps his course, you can say much the same thing about Arwel Just as England will be

Just as England will be looking to the 32-year-old Richards for solidity and experience at Murrayfield, so Wales will be relying on Taylor. 31, to provide a streetwise rugby brain in the eve of the storm

there?"

A leading FIS official, asked if he expected the Russian team to take legal action, said: "A lot of people are suing the FIS, so I wouldn't be surprised."

Today is also a practice. someone they can learn things from and on the field I'm happy to pass on what I know.

As Taylor acknowledges, exactly the same job descrip-tion could be written for

Fixtures

(7.30 unless stated) Soccer

TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Pourth round: Clyde v Rangers (8.0). FA TROPPI's Second round: Sudbury v Gloucester.

Gloucesier.

ICSS LEAGURE: Cariton Trophy: Third
rouse: Hungertord Tn v Hampton.

PONTENS LEAGURE: First Division: Mon
(7.0); Sherif Urd v Leeds (7.0); Second Divlatese Sundarland v Grimsby (7.0).

Rugby Union TOUR MATCH: Covenby v New South Wales (7.45). CLUB MATCH: Mountain Ash v Ebbw Vale (7.16).

Rugby League ALLIANCE: Challenge Cups Second resend: Castleford v Keighley; Huti v Old Cricket

Hockey REPRESENTATIVE BAF v Civil Service (11.0. RAF Halton) ice Hockey

Chess

Kasparov gives Deep Blue its due and draw

Leonard Barden

AN and machine remained deadlocked in Philadelphia yesterday as Garry Kasparov and the IBM Deep Blue super-computer drew their third game after 39 moves. The score going into last night's fourth meeting in the six-game £300,000 series Was 11/4-11/4.

Kasparov, who proposed the draw after three hours' play, admitted afterwards "in simple practical terms the computer played today at a level of some of the

best grandmasters in the world". In making that comment he was effectively eating his own words; before the series he maintained that a machine could never match the creativity and strategic subtlety adopting the same strategy as 39 Ras

of a top human at the leisured | in his world-title matches

pace of classical chess.

Deep Blue began with the same unbookish 2 c3 system against Kasparov's Sicilian Defence which brought the computer its dramatic victory in the series' first game. But

it varied at move 12 and by move 20 the queens were ex-changed and Kasparov was trying unsuccessfully to win Experts said that Kasparov was bound to be disappointed with the result. "He had an 15 B4 edge, yet Deep Blue still man-

aged to get a draw." said the international master Maurice 21 868 Ashley, the match commenta-tor. "That's going to get at 25 Rcs him."

But other grandmasters believe that Kasparov, considered the buse clobal in

where he was often content to draw as Black while going all-out as White. He had the white pieces in last night's fourth game.

quick thinking and man-

aged to avoid smashing her skis into his upper body," said the former Olympic Al-

pine medallist Karl

Schranz.
But the Russian coach
Leonid Tyagachev was furious after watching Lebedeva taken by helicopter to
Granada, describing her as
"green with pain". He said:
"It is unbelievable there

Schranz.

Black: Kasparov Third game

8 Be3 10 a3 12 Ne5 14 bxc3 16 Oxt3 18 Rtc1 20 Rcb1 22 Rb4 24 Bd6 26 KI1 28 Ke2 30 Be7 a6 Rd8

Tennis

Pain in Spain . . . Lebedeva awaiting the hospital airlift

Muster finds it tough at the top

were so many chiefs on the

piste. What are they doing

• Today is also a practice

day. Championship action

resumes tomorrow with the

women's combined.

David Irvine

THOMAS MUSTER's first match as the world No. 1 ended in disaster at the Dubai Open yesterday when he was defeated 6-1, 3-6, 7-6 by Australia's Sandon Stolle.

A weary Muster, who had arrived in Dubai from Johannesburg at 5.30am, was on court within 13 hours and, despite a spirited recovery from 1-4 in the third, he failed to win a point in the decisive tie-

Stolle, the world No. 165 whose father Fred lost three Wimbledon singles finals in the Sixties, got into the main draw only as a lucky loser on Tuesday after Petr Korda had to withdraw with a back injury.

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SportsGuardian

Paisley leaves Liverpool mourning

Neil Robinson and lan Ross

HRY came with flowers, scarves and tributes to Anfield yes-Ley, the most successful manager in the history of the English game, had died in his wife's arms at a Merseyside nursing room.

Paisley played over 250 League games for Liverpool between 1946 and 1953, but made a far more significant contribution to the club as manager when he reluc-tantly succeeded Bill improve on Shankly's

The next nine years be-longed to the softly spoken miner's son who led to the club to unprecedented success: six Championships, three League Cups, three European Cups and a Uefa

lyn Hughes, who shared many of those achieve-ments. "When I arrived in 1967 he was trainer-com-teaboy. When Bill Shankly finished Bob took over with great reluctance and went on to do what most people thought was impossible —

"He was one of the last of | first time, remembered his | the old school; people like him probably wouldn't sur-vive these days with the way the game has

Other Liverpool players, past and present, joined the tributes. Mark Lawrenson described him as "the last great manager that this country has seen. He is going to be eventually men-tioned in the same breath as Busby, as Shankly, Jock Stein and Brian Clough. That list is synonymous Kevin Keegan, whose last game for Liverpool saw lift the European Cup for the

while Kenny Dalglish, who was bought to replace Kee-gan, said that of everyone in football he owed Paisley the greatest debt.

"Everybody took an in-stant liking to Bob, he was a pai to everybody. He was universally popular but he wouldn't hesitate to ruffle feathers. He was very The man was somebody

who went right through the card at Anfield. After finishing playing, he became a

pool. He made so many right decisions because of his deep knowledge of the

ager Roy Evans recalled the day in 1974 when Paisley suggested he abandon his career in the club's reserve side and concentrate on coaching. "I am deeply grateful. But for him I wouldn't be the manager of this club now and I might not be in football at all." Paisley, a shy man who steered away from the the public spotlight, would

probably have been faintly

made a massive contribu- | warmth of yesterday's outwarmin of yesternay's outpourings. In the foreward
to Stephen Kelly's 1991 history of the club he summed
up his role as merely playing "a part in the story of
the club's success.
"Thave been part of the furniture at Anfield for the
best part of half a century
and I think I can safely say

and I think I can safely say I know something of what makes Liverpool tick." makes liverpool tick."

By then he had already
been diagnosed as suffering
from Alzheimer's Disease
which hlighted his final
years. It was a sad end for
one of the game's great
men.

embarrassed by the Obituary, page 10

And on the seventh day he resigned



Cullis as manager of Swansea City is over. He has resigned "for personal reasons" seven days after being appointed, his (Vetch) field of dreams now a shoulder-deep quagmire. This is not just another sorry tale of managerial insecu-rity in the lower leagues. Kevin

Cullis's promotion to league manager was intergalactic. The story starts with a change of ownership at Swan-sea itself. Enter Michael Thompson, Birmingham businessman (heavy engineering). close friend of Howard

Walker, son of Blackburn's Jack. Thompson had business interests in Swansea, his sister lived there and he wanted : football club. Six weeks of nego tiations with the then chairman Doug Sharpe and, for a reputed £500,000, the club, which had gone through three managers this season — Frank Burrows, Bobby Smith and

Jimmy Rimmer — was his. Big names, high profile new bosses were promised — Ian Rush, Graham Taylor, Dave Bassett among them — and interviews were conducted.

There was a hushed silence as the appointment was an-nounced last Wednesday. Kevin who? Did they mean Stan Cullis? Rothmans could not tell them who he was; even the Non-League Football Yearbook could not shed light. Cradley Town's listing, under the Banks's Browery West Midlands (Regional) League Premier Division, between Bloxwich Strollers and Ettingshall Holy Trinity, does not mention him. Nonetheless Julis, Cradley's youth team manager, was now manager of Second Division Swansea.

ND why not? His record appeared good. His youth team, he said, had gone 111 games undefeated. In fact the older group had lost 12 of 16 games last season and he had been talking about the Under-

His assistant, he said, would be Paul Molesworth, Liver-pool's "chief scout" in the Midlands, But Ron Yeats at Anfield confirmed that.

16 Firmly established sports

18 Dispensed with red tape

19 Entices a number to break

20 Scatter the rest around two

points of the compass (6)

and came to the point (7)

match? (7)

rules (7)

deed one of Liverpool's many scouts, he had never found

them a player. Cullis, at his first training session, told the players they had three weeks to impress him or they were out - this from a man who had never played or managed in the league. A 1-0 defeat at home to the leaders Swindon was not bad, though the Swansea prowhelmed by the new gaffer. His only Notes as manager had him as Ketth Cullis.

At this point the former chairman Sharpe came back from a holiday in Spain and, it is said, was not amused at what he saw. The deal has a 21day "cooling off" period, which runs out tomorrow and the sale appeared to be in jeopardy. Selling a club is one thing, letting it become a laughing stock another.

ULLIS did not, according to sources. travel on the team bus for the next match, a Tuesday night game at Blackpool, However, he did tell his players of his plan to play a sweeper that night, de-spite the fact that they had never practised the system. At half-time they were 2-0 down.

Dressing-room reports sug-gest that at the interval Cullis was left open-mouthed in a corner as the players then took control. A senior player gave the half-time talk, the sweeper system was abon-doned but Swansea still went down 4-0. Cuilis went straight to Thompson and resigned.

But why was he appointed in the first place? "My initial reaction when I heard was that I couldn't believe it," said Alf Hills, of Cradley. "I thought blimey, I wonder if they'll ask me to be the next England manager." Thomp-son said the club needed the enthusiasm and drive of an

unproven manager. Cullis himself said he applied because he was a good friend of the new chairman -Cullis is a civil engineer by trade, though he has been a director of a number of companies including a Shrewsbury nightclub. Thompson's recol-lection is that he had heard of Cullis but did not really know

So it was over. It is not the shortest reign ever — that honour belongs to Bill Lamb ton at Scunthorpe, who lasted three days in April 1959. Rim-mer takes over for Saturday's six-pointer against last-pla Hull. All supporters can hope is that the farcical manageria) ballet of the past week does not end with the dying Swans.

Farsley lad rumbles **England**

Edward Harris in Ahmedabad

AY ILLINGWORTH always argues that Farsley Cricket Club and the tough Bradford League, where he cut his teeth, provides the best possible grounding for a young

As much as Illingworth might enjoy being proved right again, it must have yesterday to watch the latest Farsley product push his side

This time it was not South Africa and the hostile thrusts of Allan Donald but Ahmedabad and the gentle probings of New Zealand. However, the performance and result were iust as miserable.

England lost their World Cup opener by 11 runs and the architect of New Zealand's unexpected success was 24-year-old Nathan Astle who, unlike many of the rebuilt Kiwi side, was not uni to illineworth.

England's manager has seen plenty of the well-organised opener at Farsley. where Illingworth still enjoys getting away from it all among friends at the little the notoriously slow pitch.
club a gentle stroll from his The result should make lit-Leeds home. Astle spent two summers improving his cricket education with Farsley and Illingworth said: "I knew he could play a bit. Nor-mally for us [Farsley] he bats sensibly at first and then gets

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Did not bet D J Nash. G R Largen, D K Morrison. Bowlings Cork 10-1-36-1; Martin 6-0-37-1; Gough 10-0-63-0; Mingworth 10-1-31-1, High 9-0-45-2, White 5-0-21-0.

on with it, but today he did it from the world go."
Illingworth could have

added that Astle should have been stopped dead in his tracks on one, but Greham Thorpe failed to hold on to a low slip chance in Dominic Cork's second over of the day. Astle went on to score 101 his fourth century in his last 11 one-day internationals. Thorpe's drop was the most difficult of four chances put

down by England yesterday.
"The missed catches were vital," said England's captain Mike Atherton. "We could have had them two for two at one stage. The fielding was poor but I don't think our general performance - the batting and the bowling — could be faulted that much." Thorpe also dropped the other New Zealand opener

Craig Spearman on one while Atherton and Cork spilled sitters that, while not costly, were symtomatic of a team whose fielding is at best a handicap and at worst a liability. Atherton had gambled

against illingworth stincts and decided to bowl first. The result was a total of 239 for six — the highest made at the Motera Stadium in a one-day international on

tle difference to England's chances of reaching the quarter-finals and victories against the United Arab Emirates (Sunday) and Hol-land (Thursday) will probably see them through. Defeat, however, was, as Illingworth agreed: "A blow to the pride. We expect to beat New Zealand and we didn't". England's reply was tripped

up on leaving the blocks when Atherton was bowled in Dion Nash's first over. The England captain momentarily caused astonishment among the 20,000 crowd by refusing to leave his crease with his leg bail lying on the ground but they soon cottoned on to the fact that he was staying put to act as a runner for Hick, who had hurt his left hamstring chasing a bowl around the boundary.

While Hick was swatting the ball to all parts, victory was always possible. But Nell Fairbrother called for a single. Atherton hesitated when he saw Roger Twose dive to stop at cover, and by off again it was too late. He —
or rather Hick — was run out
by a couple of feet on 85. And
with the rest of the batting
subsiding, that was just about



ALEC STEWART

Michel Art Herton sees the writing on the wall after being run out as Graeme Hick's runner, himself only having briefly troubled the Ahmedabad scorers numerically

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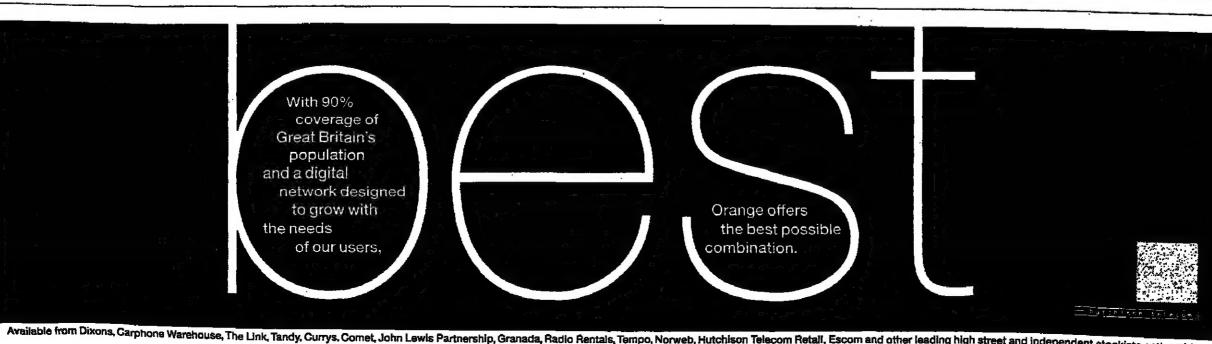
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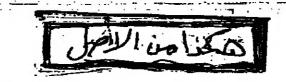
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